

THURSDAY, JUNE 1, 1899.

The Senate met pursuant to adjournment.

The President in the chair.

The roll being called the following Senators answered to their names:

Mr. President,	Clark,	McCaskill,
Messrs—	Crosby,	McLin,
Baker,	Denham,	Myers,
Barber,	Dimick,	Reeves,
Blitch,	Fuller,	Rogers,
Broome,	Gaillard,	Sams,
Bynum,	Harris,	Wadsworth,
Carson,	Hendley,	Williams,
Chaires,	Hooker,	Wilson,
Crill,	McCreary,	

Answering roll-call—28.

A quorum present.

Prayer by the Chaplain.

The reading and correction of the Journal was postponed until later in the day.

Mr. Myers moved that the House of Representatives be requested to return to the Senate—

Senate Joint Resolution No. 273:

A joint resolution proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the State of Florida, such amendment to stand and be Section 9, Article 8, of said Constitution, and providing for the issue by the County of Leon of bonds of such county to the amount of \$25,000, for the purpose of repairing and enlarging the capitol building of the State of Florida.

Which was agreed to.

A message was received from the House of Representatives.

Mr. Sams, Chairman of Committee of Conference on Senate Bill No. 93, presented the following report:

Senate Chamber.

Tallahassee, Fla., May 31, 1899.

Hon Frank Adams,

President of the Senate:

Sir—Your Conference Committee, appointed on the part of the Senate to confer with a similar committee on the part

of the House of Representatives upon the points of disagreement between the two Houses on certain amendments made by the House of Representatives to—

Senate Bill No. 93:

A bill to be entitled an act to provide for and encourage the organization of a corps of volunteer militia for services as a land force, and to enforce the discipline therein, and to repeal Article 2, entitled "Volunteer Militia," and Article 3, entitled "Florida State Troops," of Chapter 1 of Title VIII of First Division of the Revised Statutes of the State of Florida, and Chapter 4042, Laws of Florida, entitled an "Act to amend an act to provide for and encourage the organization of a corps of volunteer militia and enforce their discipline," approved June 11, 1891, and Chapter 4167, Laws of Florida, entitled "An act to amend Section 6 of an act entitled an act to amend an act to provide for and encourage the organization of a corps of volunteer militia and to enforce their discipline, approved June 11, 1891; and to further provide for and encourage the organization and discipline of said corps," approved June 2, 1893.

Beg leave to report that your committee agreed in such conference to amend the bill so as to provide for one annual encampment, and the conferees on the part of the House agreed to recommend that the House recede from its amendment providing for the permanent encampment.

Very respectfully,

F. W. SAMS,

Chairman of Committee.

ARTHUR T. WILLIAMS,

C. B. ROGERS,

Conferees on the Part of the Senate.

Mr. Sams moved the adoption of the report of the committee.

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Hooker moved that the Committee on Enrolled Bills be authorized to employ such additional clerical assistance as they need to keep up with their work.

Which was agreed to.

## MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

The following message from the House of Representatives was read:

House of Representatives,  
Tallahassee, Fla., May 30, 1899.

Hon. Frank Adams,

President of the Senate:

Sir—I am directed by the House of Representatives to inform the Senate that the House of Representatives has passed—

House Bill No. 430:

To be entitled an act to amend Sections 3, 4, 9, 10, 12, 14, 15, 19; 21, 25, 55, 60, 61 and 65, and to repeal Section 59 of Chapter 4322, Laws of Florida, approved June 1, 1895, entitled an act for the assessment and collection of revenue; to amend Sections 1 and 7 and 8 of Chapter 4515, Laws of Florida, approved June 5, 1897, entitled an act to amend Sections 29, 32, 35, 47, 48, 50, 66 and 67, of Chapter 4322, Laws of Florida, entitled an act for the assessment and collection of revenue, approved June 1, 1895, and to repeal Chapter 4616, Laws of Florida, approved June 4, 1897, entitled an act requiring a special license tax to be paid by express companies doing business in this State.

And respectfully requests the concurrence of the Senate therein.

Very respectfully,  
WM. FORSYTH BYNUM,

Chief Clerk House of Representatives.

And House Bill No. 430 contained in the above message was read the first time by its title.

Mr. Wilson moved that the rules be waived and that House Bill No. 430 be read the second time by its title only.

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

And House Bill No. 430 was read a second time by its title.

Mr. Wilson moved that House Bill No. 430 be indefinitely postponed.

The yeas and nays were demanded on the motion to indefinitely postpone.

Upon call of the roll, the vote was:

Yeas—	Clark,	Hendley,
Messrs.—	Crill,	Hooker,
Barber,	Crosby,	Roberts,
Broome,	Dimick,	Sams,
Bynum,	Fuller,	Wadsworth,
Chaires,	Gaillard,	Wilson—16.

Nays—	Denham,	Palmer of 11th,
Mr. President,	Harris,	Reeves,
Messrs—	McCaskill,	Rogers,
Baker,	McCreary,	Williams—14.
Blitch,	McLin,	
Carson,	Myers,	

So the motion to indefinitely postpone was agreed to.

The following message from the House of Representatives was read:

House of Representatives,  
Tallahassee, Fla., June 1, 1899.

Hon. Frank Adams,

President of the Senate:

Sir—I am directed by the House of Representatives to inform the Senate that the House of Representatives has passed—

Senate Bill No. 254:

A bill to be entitled an act to provide that common carriers shall designate and provide with certificates of authority agents authorized to sell tickets and to prohibit all others from selling tickets or evidences of transportation; to provide for redemption of the whole or any unused part of a ticket or evidence of transportation and prohibit the forging or counterfeiting or altering of any genuine ticket or other evidence of transportation, and to provide punishment for the violation of any of the actions herein contained.

With amendments thereto.

And respectfully requests the concurrence of the Senate thereto.

Very respectfully,

WM. FORSYTH BYNUM,

Chief Clerk House of Representatives.

Mr. Myers moved that the Senate concur in House amendment to Senate Bill No. 254.

Which was agreed to.

And Senate Bill No. 254, as amended by the House of Representatives, was referred to the Committee on Enrolled Bills.

The following message from the House of Representatives was read:

House of Representatives,  
Tallahassee, Fla., May 31, 1899.

Hon. Frank Adams,

President of the Senate:

Sir—I am directed by the House of Representatives to inform the Senate that the House of Representatives has passed—

House Bill No. 318:

A bill to be entitled an act to create fire escapes in hotels.

And respectfully requests the concurrence of the Senate therein.

Very respectfully,

WM. FORSYTH BYNUM,

Chief Clerk House of Representatives.

And House Bill No. 318, contained in the above message, was read the first time by its title.

Mr. McCreary moved that the rules be waived and that House Bill No. 318 be read a second time by its title.

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

And House Bill No. 318 was read a second time by its title.

Mr. Harris moved that the rules be further waived and that House Bill No. 318 be read a third time and put upon its passage.

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

And House Bill No. 318 was read a third time in full.

Mr. Harris asked unanimous consent to amend House Bill No. 318 on third reading.

Which was granted.

Mr. Harris offered the following amendment to House Bill No. 318:

Strike out Section 4 of the bill and make Section 5 Section 4 of the bill.

Mr. Harris moved the adoption of the amendment.

Which was agreed to unanimously.

Mr. Harris offered the following amendment to House Bill No. 318:

Strike out the words "a penitentiary or," in line 3, Section 3, of the bill.

Mr. Harris moved the adoption of the amendment.

Which was agreed to unanimously.

Mr. McCreary offered the following amendment to House Bill No. 318:

Strike out the words "recorded" in line 12, Section 2, and insert the following: "recovered."

Mr. McCreary moved the adoption of the amendment. Which was agreed to unanimously.

Upon call of the roll,  
Upon the passage of the bill as amended,  
The vote was:

Yeas—

Mr. President,	Denham,	Roberts,
Messrs.—	Fuller,	Rogers,
Baker,	Harris,	Sams,
Barber,	Hooker,	Wadsworth,
Broome,	McCaskill	Wilson—18.
Clark,	McCreary,	
Crill,	McLin,	

Nays—None.

So the bill passed, title as stated, and was certified to the House of Representatives.

Mr. McCreary moved that the rules be waived and Senate Bill No. 278 be taken up out of its order and considered.

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

And,

Senate Bill No. 278:

A bill to be entitled an act making appropriations for the expenses of the State government for six months of the year 1899, and for the year 1900, and for six months of the year 1901.

Was taken up and read a third time in full.

Upon call of the roll on the passage of the bill as amended the vote was:

Yeas—

Mr. President,	Gaillard,	Roberts,
Messrs.—	Harris,	Rogers,
Bynum,	Hooker,	Sams,
Carson,	McCreary,	Wadsworth,
Chaires,	McLin,	Williams—18.
Denham,	Myers,	
Fuller,	Reeves,	

Nays—

Messrs.—	Barber,	Crosby,
Baker,	Blitch,	McCaskill,
	Broome,	Palmer of 11th—7.

So the bill passed, title as stated, and was certified to the House of Representatives.

The following message from the House of Representatives was read:

House of Representatives,  
Tallahassee, Fla., June 1, 1899.

Hon. Frank Adams,

President of the Senate,

Sir—I am directed by the House of Representatives to inform the Senate that the House of Representatives has returned to the Senate by request—

Senate Joint Resolution No. 273:

A joint resolution proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the State of Florida, such amendment to stand and be Section 9, Article 8, of said Constitution, and providing for the issue by the County of Leon of bonds of such county to the amount of \$25,000, for the purpose of repairing and enlarging the capitol building of the State of Florida.

Very respectfully,

WM. FORSYTH BYNUM,  
Chief Clerk House of Representatives.

Mr. Myers moved that the vote by which Senate Joint Resolution No. 273 passed yesterday be reconsidered.

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Myers moved that Senate Joint Resolution No. 273 be placed back on second reading for amendment.

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Myers called up—

Senate Joint Resolution No. 273:

A joint resolution proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the State of Florida, such amendment to stand and be Section 9 of Article 8 of said Constitution, and providing for the issue, by the County of Leon, of bonds of such county to the amount of \$25,000 for the purpose of repairing and enlarging the capitol building of the State of Florida.

And the Senate proceeded to consider Senate Joint Resolution No. 273.

Mr. Myers offered the following amendment to Senate Joint Resolution No. 273:

Strike out the following proviso from the resolution:

Provided, however, That this section shall be of no effect unless a majority of the electors of the county of Leon voting hereon shall be in favor of the adoption of this section.

Mr. Myers moved the adoption of the amendment.

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Myers moved that the rules be waived and that Senate Joint Resolution No. 273, as amended, be read a third time and put upon its passage.

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

And Senate Joint Resolution No. 273, as amended, was read a third time in full.

Upon call of the roll

Upon the passage of the Joint Resolution,

The vote was:

Yeas—

Messrs. Baker,	Denham,	Myers,
Broome,	Dimick,	Roberts,
Bynum,	Fuller,	Rogers,
Carson,	Gaillard,	Sams,
Chaires,	Harris,	Wadsworth,
Clark,	Hooker,	Williams,
Crill,	McCaskill,	Wilson—21.
Nays—	Barber,	McLin,
Mr. President,	Blitch,	McCreary,
Messrs—	Crosby,	Reeves—7.

And Senate Joint Resolution No. 273, having received a majority of three-fifths of all the members elected to the Senate, passed, title as stated.

Mr. Carson moved that the rules be waived and that House Bill No. 405 be taken up out of its order and considered.

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

And,

House Bill No. 405:

To be entitled an act relating to the collection of and accounting for poll taxes collected in this State.

Was taken up and read a third time in full.

Upon call of the roll on the passage of the bill,

The vote was:

Yeas—	Chaires,	McCaskill,
Messrs.—	Clark,	McLin,
Barber,	Crosby,	Reeves,
Blitch,	Fuller,	Roberts,
Broome,	Gaillard,	Rogers,
Bynum,	Harris,	Williams,
Carson,	Hooker,	Wilson—19.
Nays—		
Mr. President,	Crill,	McCreary,
Messrs—	Denham,	Palmer of 11th—5.

So the bill passed, title as stated, and was certified to the House of Representatives.

Mr. Baker moved that the rules be waived and that House Bill No. 343 be taken up out of its order and considered.

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

And

House Bill No. 343:

To be entitled an act to require railroad companies in the State of Florida to fence their tracks, to provide the time and manner in which fence shall be constructed, and to provide a penalty for failure so to do; and to provide for the payment of attorneys' fees and double damages for the killing or injury to domestic live stock under certain conditions by the companies refusing or neglecting to fence their roads as required.

Was taken up.

Pending the reading of the bill.

Mr. Fuller moved that House Bill No. 343 be indefinitely postponed.

The yeas and nays were demanded on the motion to indefinitely postpone.

Upon call of the roll the vote was:

Yeas—	Dimick,	Myers,
Messrs.—	Fuller,	Palmer of 11th,
Bynum,	Gaillard,	Roberts,
Chaires,	Harris,	Rogers,
Denham,	Hooker,	Sams—13.
Nays—	Broome,	McCreary,
Mr. President,	Carson,	McLin,
Messrs—	Clark,	Williams,
Baker,	Crill,	Wilson—14.
Barber,	Crosby,	
Blitch,	McCaskill	

So the motion to indefinitely postpone was not agreed to.

Mr. Harris moved that House Bill No. 343 be read by sections.

Which was agreed to.

Section 1 was read.

Section 2 was read.

Section 3 was read.

Mr. Harris offered the following amendment to House Bill No. 343:

Strike out the words "sixty days" in line 6, Section 3, printed bill, and insert in lieu thereof the following: "sixty years."

Mr. Harris moved the adoption of the amendment.

The yeas and nays were demanded.

Upon call of the roll,

The vote was:

Yeas—Mr. Harris—1.

Nays—	Clark,	McLin,
Mr. President,	Crill,	Myers,
Messrs. Baker,	Crosby,	Pabner of 11th,
Barber,	Denham,	Roberts,
Blitch,	Fuller,	Rogers,
Broome,	Hendley,	Sams,
Bynum,	Hooker,	Wadsworth,
Carson,	McCaskill	Williams,
Chaires,	McCreary,	Wilson—26.

So the amendment was not agreed to.

Mr. Palmer of 11th offered the following amendment to House Bill No. 343:

Strike out all after the enacting clause.

Mr. Palmer of 11th moved the adoption of the amendment:

Mr. Hooker offered the following amendment to House Bill No. 343:

Strike out the word "double" in Section 5, line 21, printed bill.

Mr. Hooker moved the adoption of the amendment.

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Hooker offered the following amendment to House Bill No. 343:

Strike out the word "double" in Section 9, line 17, printed bill.

Mr. Hooker moved the adoption of the amendment.

Which was not agreed to.

The amendment of Mr. Palmer of 11th was not agreed to.

Mr. Carson moved to reconsider the vote by which the Senate adopted Mr. Hooker's amendment to House Bill No. 343.

Which was agreed to.

The amendment was again considered and the motion to adopt was not agreed to.

Mr. Gailliard moved that further action on the bill be deferred until to-morrow at 12:30 o'clock.

Which was not agreed to.

Mr. Hooker moved that the rules be waived and that House Bill No. 343 be read a second time by its title.

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

Mr. Baker moved that the rules be further waived and that House Bill No. 343 be read a third time and put upon its passage.

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

And House Bill No. 343 was read a third time in full.

Upon call of the roll

Upon the passage of the bill.

The vote was:

Yeas—	Chaires,	Myers,
Messrs.—	Clark,	Reeves,
Baker,	Crosby,	Rogers
Barber,	Hendley,	Williams,
Blich,	McCaskill,	Wilson—17.
Broome.	McCreary,	
Carson,	McLin,	
Nays—		
Mr. President,	Dimick,	Harris,
Messrs---	Fuller,	Roberts—7.
Crill,	Caillard,	

So the bill passed, title as stated, and was certified to the House of Representatives.

Mr. McLin, chairman of the committee to examine the Comptroller and Treasurer's offices, submitted the following report:

Senate Chamber,  
Tallahassee, Fla., June 1, 1899.

Hon. Frank Adams,

President of the Senate:

Sir—Your committee appointed under House Joint Resolution No. 1 to examine the Comptroller's and Treasurer's offices beg leave to report that we have caused an exhaustive examination to be made, by competent and experienced accountants, of all the detail work connected with the fiscal affairs in the offices of the Comptroller and Treasurer, respectively, and have personally counted the cash and bonds in the State Treasury on May 1st, 1899.

The examination was at first confined to the years 1897 and 1898, in order that the correct condition of affairs and the balances on January 1st, 1899, could be accurately determined. This involved the careful examination and verification of the immense amount of detail work, which is so essential and important where such great interests are involved. The system adopted in the conduct of the business of

the State, in both offices, is admirably adapted to the purpose, as it affords a complete check on all the transactions of both offices, and protects the interests of the tax payers in the minutest detail.

This purpose could not be accomplished, however perfect the system, if the officials and their assistants were not fully qualified and imbued with the conscientious conception of the great responsibility resting on them, and it affords your committee great pleasure to report that all these requirements are fully met, and that there is every evidence that the business of both offices is in the hands of those who are especially fitted by integrity, capacity and experience, to perform their delicate and responsible duties. And your committee takes pleasure in bearing witness to the uniform courtesy shown by the officers and clerks in these departments, and to their readiness in affording every facility for the most thorough investigation.

In order that the amount of cash and bonds in the State Treasury might be ascertained as of May 1, 1899, the examination was extended to cover the months of January, February, March and April, 1899, and your committee personally counted the cash and bonds and found the same to be correct as of May 1, 1899.

A detailed statement of the system and methods adopted and practiced in both offices would doubtless be interesting and instructive, but owing to the limited time allowed for the preparation of this report after the completion of the examination, it has been found necessary to be brief, and to make the report in as condensed form as possible consistent with a clear statement of the facts.

The following statements comprehend the financial transactions of these offices:

Aggregate receipts and disbursements at the State Treasury on all accounts from January 1, 1897, to December 31, 1898, inclusive, showing the total balance in the Treasury January 1, 1899:

Balance January 1, 1897.....	\$344,864.87
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Divided as follows—

General revenue .....	\$242,851.91
General school (1 mill) tax.....	20,480.20
State Board of Health.....	13,356.16
School fund, principal .....	11,195.53
School fund, interest .....	15,817.85
Seminary fund, principal .....	568.76

Sinking fund bonds of 1873.....	547.68
Sinking fund bonds of 1871.....	39.75
Agricultural College fund .....	15.97
Experiment Station fund .....	360.56
Morrill fund, white .....	8,431.44
Morrill fund, colored .....	9,138.67
Tax certificate fund 1896l.....	22,060.39

## Receipts January 1 to June 9, 1897.

General revenue .....	\$223,106.68
General school (1 mill) tax.....	54,492.39
State Board of Health.....	13,666.98
School fund, principal .....	2,587.91
School fund, interest .....	24,149.00
Seminary fund, principal .....	16.70
Seminary fund, interest .....	3,539.00
Agricultural College fund .....	6,959.22
Experiment Station fund .....	7,587.35
Tax certificate fund .....	24,379.29— 360,484.52
	\$705,349.39

## Disbursements January 1 to June 9, 1897.

General revenue .....	\$229,379.29
General school (1 mill) tax.....	42,032.83
State Board of Health.....	13,503.01
School fund, principal.....	603.45
School fund, interest.....	39,339.60
Seminary fund, interest.....	3,539.00
Agricultural College fund .....	6,975.19
Experiment Station fund.....	7,049.68
Morrill fund, white.....	3,980.57
Morrill fund, colored.....	8,425.22
Tax certificate fund .....	13,161.95—\$367,989.79
Balance due from C. B. Collins, Treasurer .....	337,359.60
Balance receipted for by J. B. Whit- field, Treasurer .....	284,767.63
Shortage C. B. Collins June 9, '97	\$ 52,591.97

1897.

June 9—Balance receipted for by J. B. Whitfield, Treasurer.....	\$284,767.63
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Balance June 9, 1897, divided among the several funds as follows:

General revenue .....	\$212,345.49
General school (1 mill) tax.....	29,563.43
State Board of Health.....	12,134.31
School fund, principal.....	11,828.96
School fund, interest.....	562.95
Seminary fund, principal.....	525.45
Sinking fund bonds of 1873.....	491.48
Sinking fund bonds of 1871.....	35.67
Experiment Station fund.....	898.23
Morrill fund, white.....	4,450.87
Morrill fund, colored.....	713.45
Tax certificate fund April 1 to June 9, 1897.....	11,217.34

Receipts to December 31, 1897.

General revenue .....	\$296,591.82
General school (1 mill) tax.....	37,667.10
State Board of Health.....	9,433.17
School fund, principal.....	4,943.57
School fund, interest.....	14,591.00
Seminary fund, principal.....	557.48
Seminary fund, interest .....	2,328.00
Pension tax .....	551.96
Agricultural College fund.....	7,567.00
Experiment Station fund.....	7,500.00
Morrill fund, white.....	11,500.00
Morrill fund, colored .....	\$ 11,500.00
Tax certificate fund .....	53,919.31—\$458,650.41

\$743,418.04

Disbursements to December 31, 1897.

General revenue .....	\$348,277.33
General school (1 mill) tax.....	60,967.83
State Board of Health.....	12,299.16
School fund, principal .....	4,962.20
School fund, interest .....	1,239.40
Seminary fund, principal .....	63.13
Seminary fund, interest .....	2,328.00
Agricultural College fund .....	7,565.64
Experiment Station fund .....	8,034.75

Morrill fund, white .....	5,471.92	
Morrill fund, colored .....	4,327.44	
Tax certificate fund .....	65,136.65	520,673.45

Balance January 1, 1898.....		\$222,744.59
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## Receipts to December 31, 1898.

General revenue .....	\$615,426.65
General school (1 mill) tax.....	92,677.17
State Board of Health.....	23,430.76
School fund, principal .....	79,141.54
School fund, interest .....	40,143.65
Seminary fund, principal .....	227.16
Seminary fund, interest .....	5,867.00
Sinking fund bonds of 1873.....	15.57
Sinking fund bonds of 1871.....	1.13
Agricultural College fund .....	10,307.00
Pension tax .....	42,395.56
Experiment Station fund .....	14,970.36
Morrill fund, white .....	12,025.00
Morrill fund, colored .....	12,000.00
Tax certificate fund.....	72,743.32--1,021,371.87

\$1,244,116.46

## Disbursements to December 31, 1898.

General revenue .....	\$561,247.08
General school (1 mill) tax.....	90,136.54
State Board of Health.....	30,479.10
School fund, principal .....	30,146.09
School fund, interest .....	36,739.00
Seminary fund, principal .....	1,090.00
Seminary fund, interest .....	5,867.00
Pension tax .....	30,264.11
Agricultural College fund .....	10,230.36
Experiment Station fund .....	14,448.77
Morrill fund, white .....	11,677.67
Morrill fund, colored .....	11,129.62
Tax certificate fund .....	72,743.32— 906,198.66

Balance January 1, 1899.....	\$337,917.80
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Statement of the different funds for 1897 and 1898, showing balance in State Treasury in each fund January 1, 1899.

## General Revenue:

January 1, 1897—Balance .....	\$242,851.91
Receipts in 1897 .....	519,698.50
Receipts in 1898 .....	615,426.65

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\$1,377,977.06

Disbursements in 1897 .....	\$577,656.62
Disbursements in 1898 .....	561,247.08
Collins' shortage, June 8, 1897...	24,233.81

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\$1,163,137.51

Balance January 1, 1899.....

\$214,839.55

## General School (1 Mill) Tax:

January 1, 1897—Balance .....	\$ 20,480.20
Receipts in 1897 .....	92,159.49
Receipts in 1898 .....	92,677.17

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\$205,316.86

Disbursements in 1897 .....	\$103,000.66
Disbursements in 1898 .....	90,136.54
Collins' shortage, June 8, 1897...	3,376.33

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\$196,513.53

Balance January 1, 1899.....

\$ 8,803.33

## State Board of Health:

January 1, 1897—Balance.....	\$ 13,356.16
Receipts in 1897 .....	23,100.15
Receipts in 1898 .....	23,430.76

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\$ 59,887.07

Disbursements in 1897 .....	\$ 25,802.17
Disbursements in 1898 .....	30,479.10
Collins' shortage, June 8, 1897...	1,385.82

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\$ 57,667.09

Balance January 1, 1899.....

\$ 2,219.98

## Common School Fund, Principal:

January 1, 1897—Balance .....	\$ 11,195.53
Receipts in 1897.....	7,531.48
Receipts in 1898 .....	79,141.54

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\$ 97,868.55

Disbursements in 1897 .....\$ 5,565.65  
 Disbursements in 1898 ..... 30,146.09  
 Collins' shortage, June 8, 1898... 1,351.03

\$ 37,062.77

Balance January 1, 1899.....

\$ 60,805.78

Common School Fund, Interest:

January 1, 1897—Balance .....\$ 15,817.85  
 Receipts in 1897 ..... 38,740.00  
 Receipts in 1898 ..... 40,143.65

\$ 94,701.50

Disbursements in 1897 .....\$ 40,579.00  
 Disbursements in 1898 ..... 36,739.00  
 Collins' shortage, June 8, 1898... 64.30

\$ 77,382.30

Balance January 1, 1899.....

\$ 17,319.28

Seminary Fund, Principal:

January 1, 1897—Balance .....\$ 568.76  
 Receipts in 1897 ..... 574.18  
 Receipts in 1898 ..... 227.16

\$ 1,370.10

Disbursements in 1897 .....\$ 63.13  
 Disbursements in 1898 ..... 1,090.00  
 Collins' shortage, June 8, 1898... 60.01

\$ 1,213.14

Balance January 1, 1899.....

\$ 156.96

Seminary fund, Interest:

January 1, 1897—  
 Receipts in 1897 .....\$ 5,867.00  
 Receipts in 1898 ..... 5,867.00

\$ 11,734.00

Disbursements in 1897 .....\$ 5,867.00  
 Disbursements in 1898 ..... 5,867.00

\$ 11,734.00

## Pension Tax:

January 1, 1897—

Receipts in 1897 .....\$ 551.96

Receipts in 1898 ..... 42,395.56

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\$ 42,947.52

Disbursements in 1898 .....\$ 30,264.11

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Balance January 1, 1899..... \$ 12,683.41

## Sinking Fund Bonds of 1871:

January 1, 1897—Balance.....\$ 39.75

Receipts in 1898 ..... 1.13

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\$ 40.88

Disbursements:

Collins' shortage, June 8, 1898....\$ 4.08

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Balance January 1, 1899..... \$ 36.80

## Sinking Fund Bonds of 1873:

January 1, 1897—Balance .....\$ 547.68

Receipts in 1898 ..... 15.57

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\$ 563.25

Disbursements:

Collins' shortage, June 8, 1898....\$ 56.20

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Balance January 1, 1899..... \$ 507.05

## Agricultural College Fund:

January 1, 1897—Balance .....\$ 15.97

Receipts in 1897 ..... 12,257.00

Receipts in 1898 ..... 10,307.00

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\$ 22,579.97

Disbursements in 1897 .....\$ 12,271.61

Disbursements in 1898 ..... 10,230.36

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\$ 22,501.97

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Balance January 1, 1899..... \$ 78.00

## Experiment Station Fund:

January 1, 1897—Balance .....\$ 360.56  
 Receipts in 1897 ..... 15,087.35  
 Receipts in 1898 ..... 14,970.36

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\$ 30,418.27

Disbursements in 1897 .....\$ 15,084.43  
 Disbursements in 1898 ..... 14,448.77

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\$ 29,533.20

Balance January 1, 1899..... \$ 885.07

## Morrill Fund, White:

January 1, 1897—Balance .....\$ 8,431.44  
 Receipts in 1897 ..... 11,500.00  
 Receipts in 1898 ..... 12,025.00

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\$ 31,956.44

Disbursements in 1897 .....\$ 9,452.49  
 Disbursements in 1898 ..... 11,677.67

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\$ 21,130.16

Balance January 1, 1899..... \$ 10,826.28

## Morrill Fund, Colored:

January 1, 1897—Balance .....\$ 9,138.67  
 Receipts in 1897 ..... 11,500.00  
 Receipts in 1898 ..... 12,000.00

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\$ 32,638.67

Disbursements in 1897.....\$ 12,752.66  
 Disbursements in 1898 ..... 11,129.62

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\$ 23,882.28

Balance January 1, 1899 ..... \$ 8,756 38

## Tax Certificate Fund:

January 1, 1897—Balance .....\$ 22,060.39  
 Receipts in 1897 ..... 78,298.60  
 Receipts in 1898 ..... 72,743.32

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\$173,102.31

Disbursements in 1897 .....\$ 78,298.60

Disbursements in 1898 .....	72,743.32
Collins' shortage .....	22,060.39

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\$173,102.31

Balance January 1, 1899 .....	\$337,917.30
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Statement of the different funds from January 1 to April 30, 1899, showing balance in treasury in each fund May 1, 1899.

General Revenue:

January 1, 1899—Balance .....	\$214,839.55
Receipts to May 1, 1899.....	202,932.58

\$417,772.13

Disbs. Jan. 1 to May 1, 1899....	240,932.87
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Balance May 1, 1899.....	\$176,839.26
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General School (1 Mill) Tax:

January 1, 1899—Balance .....	\$ 8,803.33
Receipts to May 1, 1899.....	33,564.98

\$ 42,368.31

Disbs. Jan. 1 to May 1, 1899.....	379.93
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Balance May 1, 1899.....	\$ 41,988.38
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State Board of Health:

January 1, 1899—Balance .....	\$ 2,219.98
Receipts to May 1, 1899.....	8,528.58

\$ 10,748.56

Disbs. Jan. 1 to May 1, 1899.....	11,127.93
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Overdraft.....	\$ 379.37
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Pension Tax:

January 1, 1899—Balance .....	\$ 12,683.41
Receipts to May 1, 1899.....	16,349.56

\$ 29,032.97

Disbs. Jan. 1 to May 1, 1899....	14,974.38
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Balance May 1, 1899.....	\$ 14,058.59
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## Common School Fund, Principal:

January 1, 1899—Balance .....\$ 60,805.78  
 Receipts to May 1, 1899..... 1,531.45

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 \$ 62,337.23

Disbs. Jan. 1 to May 1, 1899.... 2,591.88

Balance May 1, 1899..... \$ 59,745.35

## Common School Fund, Interest:

January 1, 1899—Balance .....\$ 17,319.20  
 Receipts to May 1, 1899..... 23,035.37

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 \$ 40,354.57

Disbs. Jan. 1 to May 1, 1899..... 38,002.00

Balance May 1, 1899..... \$ 2,352.57

## Seminary Fund, Principal:

January 1, 1899—Balance .....\$ 156.96  
 Receipts to May 1, 1899..... 171.46

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 \$ 328.42

Disbs. Jan. 1 to May 1, 1899..... 50.10

Balance May 1, 1899..... \$ 278.32

## Seminary Fund, Interest:

Receipts to May 1, 1899.....\$ 3,609.00

Disbs. Jan. 1 to May 1, 1899..... 3,609.00

## Sinking Fund Bonds of 1871:

January 1, 1899—Balance .....\$ 36.80  
 Receipts to May 1, 1899..... 1.03

Balance May 1, 1899..... \$ 37.83

## Sinking Fund Bonds of 1873:

January 1, 1899—Balance .....\$ 507.05  
 Receipts to May 1, 1899..... 14.30

Balance May 1, 1899.....\$ 521.35

## Agricultural College Fund:

January 1, 1899—Balance .....	\$ 78.00
Receipts to May 1, 1899.....	4,690.00
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	\$ 4,768.00
Disbs. Jan. 1 to May 1, 1899.....	4,795.13
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Overdraft . . . . .	\$ 27.13

## Experiment Station Fund:

January 1, 1899—Balance .....	\$ 885.07
Receipts to May 1, 1899.....	7,498.07
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	\$ 8,383.14
Disbs. Jan. 1 to May 1, 1899.....	4,496.89
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Balance May 1, 1899..... \$ 3,886.25

## Morrill Fund, White:

January 1, 1899—Balance .....	\$ 10,826.28
Disbs. Jan. 1 to May 1, 1899....	6,373.10

Balance May 1, 1899..... \$ 4,453.18

## Morrill Fund, Colored:

January 1, 1899—Balance.....	\$ 8,756.39
Disbs. Jan. 1 to May 1, 1899.....	4,353.41

Balance May 1, 1899..... \$ 4,402.98

## Tax Redemption Fund:

January 1, 1899—	
Receipts to May 1, 1899.....	\$ 40,632.97
Disbs. Jan. 1 to May 1, 1899.....	33,144.00

Balance May 1, 1899..... \$ 7,488.97

## May 1, 1899—

Balance cash on hand.....	\$316,053.03
\$379.37 State Board of Health overdraft (secured) . . . . .	} 406.50
\$ 27.13 Agricultural College fund overdraft (secured) . . . . .	

Condensed statement showing balance in State Treasury  
May 1, 1899.

Balance January 1, 1899..... \$337,917.80

Receipts to May 1, 1899.

General revenue .....	\$202,932.58	
General school (1 mill) tax.....	33,564.98	
State Board of Health.....	8,528.58	
School fund, principal.....	1,531.45	
School fund, interest.....	23,035.37	
Seminary fund, principal.....	171.46	
Seminary fund, interest.....	3,609.00	
Sinking fund bonds of 1873.....	14.30	
Sinking fund bonds of 1871.....	1.03	
Pension tax .....	16,349.56	
Agricultural College fund.....	4,690.00	
Experiment Station fund.....	7,498.07	
Tax certificate fund.....	40,632.97	342,559.35
		<u>\$680,477.15</u>

Disbursements to May 1, 1899.

General revenue .....	\$240,932.87	
General school (1 mill) tax.....	379.93	
State Board of Health.....	11,127.93	
School fund, principal.....	2,591.88	
School fund, interest.....	38,002.00	
Seminary fund, principal.....	50.10	
Seminary fund, interest.....	3,609.00	
Agricultural College fund.....	4,795.13	
Experiment Station fund.....	4,496.89	
Morrill fund, white.....	6,373.10	
Morrill fund, colored.....	4,353.41	
Pension tax.....	14,974.38	
Tax certificate fund.....	33,144.00	364,830.62
		<u>364,830.62</u>

Balance ..... \$315,646.53

State Board of Health overdrafts (secured).....	379.37	
Agricultural College fund over- drafts (secured).....	27.13	406.50
		<u>406.50</u>

Cash on hand May 1, 1899.... \$316,053.03

Divided among the different funds as follows:

General revenue .....	\$176,839.26	
One-mill school tax.....	41,988.38	
Pension tax.....	14,058.59	
Tax certificate fund .....	7,488.97	
School fund, principal .....	59,745.35	
School fund, interest.....	2,352.57	
Experiment Station fund.....	3,886.25	
Seminary fund, principal.....	278.32	
Morrill fund, white college.....	4,453.18	
Morrill fund, colored college....	4,402.98	
Sinking fund bonds of 1873.....	521.35	
Sinking fund bonds of 1871.....	37.83	\$316,053.03

Statement of bonds and securities belonging to the several State and school funds in the hands of the State Treasurer May 1, 1899.

Agricultural College Fund:

Consolidated Florida 6 per cent. bond, No. 5 .....	\$131,900.00
Consolidated Florida 7 per cent. bond, No. 6 .....	3,900.00
North Carolina 6 per cent. bonds..	10,000.00
North Carolina 4 per cent. bonds..	8,000.00

Total bonds in fund May 1, 1899.....	\$153,800.00
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Common School Fund:

Consolidated Florida 6 per cent. bond, No. 3 .....	\$288,600.00
Consolidated Florida 7 per cent. bond, No. 4 .....	79,300.00
Florida 7 per cent. bonds.....	104,300.00
Florida 6 per cent. bonds.....	6,100.00
North Carolina 4 per cent. bonds..	6,000.00
Alabama "B" 5 per cent. bonds..	30,000.00
Two State of Florida 5 per cent. notes.....	100,000.00

Total bonds and notes in fund May 1, 1899.....	\$614,300.00
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## Seminary Fund:

Consolidated Florida 6 per cent. bond, No. 1.....	\$ 76,600.00
Consolidated Florida 7 per cent. bond, No. 2.....	14,400.00
Florida 6 per cent. bonds.....	1,000.00
Florida 7 per cent. bonds.....	3,900.00

Total bonds in fund May 1,  
1899..... \$ 95,900.00

## Bonds of 1871—Sinking Fund:

Florida 7 per cent. bonds.....\$ 82,300.00

Total bonds in fund May 1,  
1899..... \$ 82,300.00

## Bonds of 1873—Sinking Fund:

Florida 6 per cent. bonds.....\$160,200.00

Total bonds in fund May 1,  
1899..... \$160,200.00

Total bonds and notes in various  
funds May 1, 1899..... \$1,106,500.00

Report of State deposits subject to call in banks on May 1,  
1899, under Chapter 4586, Acts of 1897, Laws of Florida, to-  
gether with the rate of interest paid to the State for deposits,  
and a list of the bonds held by the State Treasurer as security  
for said deposits.

National Bank of the State of Florida, at Jacksonville,  
Florida:

Deposit bearing 2 11.20 per cent.  
interest per annum, payable  
quarterly..... \$ 70,587.23

List of bonds held by the State  
Treasurer for this bank to secure  
the above deposit:

Duval County bonds.....	\$ 64,000.00
Jacksonville City bonds.....	1,000.00
Baker County bonds.....	2,584.80
Columbia County bonds.....	1,000.00
Bradford County bonds.....	2,250.00

Total.....\$ 70,834.80

## First National Bank of Pensacola, Florida:

Deposit bearing $2\frac{1}{2}$ per cent. interest per annum, payable quarterly	\$ 25,000.00
Checks deposited for collection...	1,011.94

Total deposit May 1, 1899.....	\$ 26,011.94
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List of bonds held by the State  
Treasurer for this bank to secure  
the above deposits:

Pensacola City bonds .....	\$ 25,000.00
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## Capital City Bank, Tallahassee, Florida:

Deposit bearing $2\frac{1}{2}$ per cent. interest per annum, payable quarterly	\$ 17,500.00
Checks deposited for collection...	4,480.88

Total deposit May 1, 1899....	\$ 21,980.88
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List of bonds held by the State  
Treasurer for this bank to secure  
the above deposits:

Madison County bonds .....	\$ 3,100.00
Jefferson County bonds .....	3,200.00
Leon County bonds .....	1,000.00
State of Florida bonds .....	1,700.00
North Carolina 6 per cent. bonds..	8,000.00
Opelika Water Works Co. bonds..	1,000.00

Total.....	\$ 18,000.00
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## Commercial Bank, Jacksonville, Florida:

Deposit bearing $2\frac{1}{2}$ per cent. interest per annum, payable quarterly.....	\$ 15,000.00
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List of bonds held by the State  
Treasurer for this bank to secure  
the above deposit:

Jacksonville City bonds .....	\$ 15,000.00
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## State Bank of Florida, Jacksonville, Florida:

Deposit bearing $2\frac{1}{2}$ per cent. interest per annum, payable quarterly.....	\$ 10,000.00
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List of bonds held by the State  
Treasurer for this bank to secure  
the above deposit:

Jacksonville City bonds .....	\$ 10,000.00
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## Citizens' Bank and Trust Company, Tampa, Florida:

Deposit bearing $2\frac{1}{2}$ per cent. interest per annum, payable quarterly.....	\$ 3,098.29
List of securities held by the State Treasurer for this bank to secure the above deposit:	
Tampa City certificates.....	\$ 5,024.00

## Putnam National Bank, Palatka, Florida:

Deposit bearing $2\frac{1}{2}$ per cent. interest per annum, payable quarterly.....	\$ 5,000.00
List of bonds held by the State Treasurer for this bank to secure the above deposit:	
Jacksonville City bonds.....	\$ 5,000.00

## First National Bank of Tallahassee, Florida:

On deposit May 1, 1899.....	\$ 4,563.26
National Park Bank, New York:	
On deposit May 1, 1899.....	\$ 2,926.44

## Tax Redemption Department.

The tax sale certificates belonging to the State are held by the State Treasurer. These certificates are transferred by the Treasurer, upon the terms fixed by law, to those who are authorized by law to redeem or purchase them. There are now in the custody of the Treasurer many thousands of these certificates covering large areas of land in nearly every county of the State. The certificates are kept in a room in the basement of the capitol building, there being no room in the Treasurer's office for them. The immense value of these certificates to the State should warrant the construction of a burglar and fire proof place for their safe keeping. The Treasurer is unable to give this department his personal attention, as the certificates are necessarily kept in a basement room, while the Treasurer's office is on another floor. Since the incumbency of the present Treasurer the Clerk allowed by law for the tax redemption department has made a daily report to the Treasurer, giving in detail the dates and numbers of the certificates applied for, the county, the face value of the certificate, the interest or subsequent

taxes due, the total amounts for which the certificates should, under the law, be canceled or transferred, the person who applies to redeem or purchase, with such proofs and orders, when made in special cases by the Comptroller as authorized by law. This report is verified and a copy duly certified is filed with the Comptroller, who charges the Treasurer with the amounts received, and makes proper entries of the disposition of the certificates. The Treasurer signs a cancellation or transfer upon each certificate and places the amounts received to the credit of the Tax Certificate Fund. At the end of every month the Comptroller reports to each County the sales and redemptions for the month, and the amount the Treasurer should remit to the County Treasurer, and also files with the Treasurer a statement showing that the cancellations and transfers reported to him were proper in amount, and directs what portions of the receipts for the month shall be credited to the several State Funds and remitted to the Counties entitled thereto. The Treasurer at once credits the amounts as directed to the State Funds and gives receipts for them to the Comptroller, who charges them to the Treasurer. The amount due each County is remitted by check to the County Treasurer, with blank receipt to be signed by him and returned. These daily reports made to the State Treasurer are kept on file in his office, and the receipts for remittances made to the Counties are also filed. The amounts remitted to each County will be found in detail in the reports of the State Treasurer.

Your committee would suggest that the quality of books in the Tax Redemption Department is poor, and it is respectfully recommended that books with a superior binding be purchased in the future for this department.

Tax Certificate Fund—January 1, 1897, to April 30, 1899.  
Receipts.

Jan. 1, 1897, to April 30, 1899.... \$191,674.89

Disbursements.

Jan. 1, 1897, to April 30, 1899:

General revenue fund.....	\$ 23,769.87	
General school (1 mill) tax fund..	8,903.73	
State Board of Health fund.....	2,225.91	
Pension fund .....	836.32	
Expense and interest.....	74,425.81	
County tax remitted to counties..	74,024.28	—\$184,185.92

Balance in fund May 1, 1899... \$ 7,488.97

Receipts were exhibited for all funds derived from the sale and redemption of tax certificates from January 1, 1897, to April 30, 1899, hence the present State Treasurer has fully accounted for all such funds received by him up to May 1, 1899.

Indebtedness of C. B. Collins, Ex-Treasurer.

1897.

June 9—Amount due State ..... \$ 52,591.97

1898.

Nov. 16—Paid by School Board  
Marion County .....\$ 8,459.53

1899.

Feb. 2—Paid by J. N. C. Stockton, Trustee... 17,321.99

May 2—Paid by W. S. Jennings. 1,000.00— 26,781.52

Balance due State.... \$ 25,810.45

1899.

May 1—Amounts due counties by  
C. B. Collins from Tax  
certificate fund collect-  
ed in 1896..... \$ 12,906.62

Amount due—

Alachua County .....	\$ 426.39
Baker County .....	6.04
Bradford County.....	38.55
Brevard County.....	113.64
Calhoun County.....	2.30
Citrus County.....	793.99
Clay County.....	220.55
Columbia County.....	182.75
Dade County.....	3.90
DeSoto County.....	73.14
Duval County.....	4,490.20
Escambia County.....	218.90
Franklin County.....	4.16
Gadsden County.....	6.20
Hamilton County.....	8.84
Hernando County.....	485.11
Hillsborough County..	527.00
Holmes County.....	14.10
Jackson County.....	29.07
Jefferson County.....	55.10

Lafayette County.....	70.59
Lake County.....	400.01
Lee County.....	191.69
Leon County.....	1.76
Levy County.....	19.08
Liberty County.....	16.13
Madison County.....	18.26
Manatee County.....	10.25
Marion County.....	743.48
Monroe County.....	469.47
Nassau County.....	66.90
Orange County.....	136.03
Osceola County.....	289.21
Pasco County.....	472.73
Polk County.....	686.94
Putnam County.....	526.92
St. Johns County.....	50.31
Sumter County.....	224.76
Suwannee County.....	111.60
Taylor County.....	2.46
Volusia County.....	373.83
Wakulla County.....	71.28
Walton County.....	19.08
Washington County.....	233.92—\$ 12,906.62

The above amounts were received on account of the several counties by C. B. Collins, as State Treasurer, from the sale and redemption of tax certificates in 1896, as shown by statements of the Comptroller on file in the State Treasurer's office for which no receipts are on file, and there is no evidence that C. B. Collins, as such State Treasurer, ever accounted to the several counties for any part of the amounts stated.

As directed by the joint resolution adopted at the present session of the Legislature, your committee destroyed, by burning, greenback scrip to the amount of \$25.00, and the Comptroller will credit the State Treasurer with the amount thereof.

Respectfully submitted,

B. E. MLIN,

J. N. HOOKER,

J. H. T. BYNUM,

Committee on Part of the Senate.

The report was ordered spread upon the Journal.

By permission—

Mr. Crosby, Chairman of the Committee on Temperance, submitted the following report:

Senate Chamber.  
Tallahassee, Fla., June 1, 1899.

Hon. Frank Adams,

President of the Senate:

Sir—Your Committee on Temperance, to whom was referred—

House Bill No. 271:

To be entitled an act to amend Section 2635, of the Revised Statutes.

Have carefully considered the same and recommend that it do pass.

Very respectfully,

A. CROSBY,  
Chairman of Committee.

And House Bill No. 271, contained in the above report, was placed on the Calendar of bills on second reading.

By permission—

Mr. McLin submitted the following report:

Senate Chamber,  
Tallahassee, Fla., June 1, 1899.

Hon. Frank Adams,

President of the Senate:

Sir—Your committee on the part of the Senate, acting with a similar committee on the part of the House,

Beg leave to report that they have destroyed, by burning, all of the engraved Comptroller's warrants, known as green back script, that are in the office of the State Treasurer, in amount twenty-five dollars (\$25.00.)

Respectfully submitted,

B. E. M'LIN,  
J. N. HOOKER,  
J. H. T. BYNUM,

Committee.

By permission—

Mr. Reeves, Acting Chairman of the Committee on Education, submitted the following report:

Senate Chamber,  
Tallahassee, Fla., June 1, 1899.

Hon Frank Adams,

President of the Senate:

Sir—Your Committee on Education to whom was referred—

Senate Bill No. 228:

A bill to be entitled an act to establish a uniform system of public free schools, one Normal school for each race, and an Institute for the Blind, Deaf and Dumb, and to provide for their conduct and maintenance.

Beg leave to return said bill without recommendation.

Also,

House Bill No. 222:

A bill to be entitled an act to provide for county adoptions of uniformity of text books in the public free schools of this State.

And recommend that said bill do not pass.

Also,

House Bill No. 379:

To be entitled an act to regulate the appointment of students to the Military Agricultural College and other educational institutions of the State of Florida.

And recommend that said bill do pass with the following amendments:

In line 23 of Section 2, change "bonifide" to "bonafide."

In Section 2, line 17 of page 4 of the bill, change "bonifide residence residence" to "bonafide residents."

Also,

House Bill No. 180:

A bill to be entitled an act to authorize the Board of Public Instruction of any county of the State of Florida to contract debts for the purchase of real estate to be used for educational purposes for the erection of school buildings, and to provide for the payment thereof.

And return said bill without recommendation.

Very respectfully,

L. J. REEVES,

Acting Chairman of Committee.

And House Bills Nos. 222, 379, 180, and Senate Bill No. 228, contained in the above report, was placed on the Calendar of bills on second reading.

By permission—

Mr. Sams, Chairman of the Committee on Game, submitted the following report:

Senate Chamber,  
Tallahassee, Fla., May 31, 1899.

Hon. Frank Adams,

President of the Senate:

Sir—Your Committee on Game, to whom was referred—

Senate Bill No. 13:

A bill to be entitled an act to amend Section 560 of Chapter 1, Part 1, Title 80, of the Revised Statutes of the State of Florida, in relation to camps of instruction of the Florida State Troops.

Also,

Senate Bill No. 86:

A bill to be entitled an act to amend an act entitled an act for the protection and preservation of certain plume birds of this State.

Beg leave to report that they have carefully examined the same and recommend that it do not pass.

Very respectfully,

FRANK W. SAMS,  
Chairman of Committee.

And Senate Bills Nos. 86 and 13, contained in the above report, were placed on the Calendar of bills on second reading.

By permission—

Mr. Dimick, Chairman of the Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills, submitted the following report:

Senate Chamber.  
Tallahassee, Fla., June 1, 1899.

Hon. Frank Adams,

President of the Senate:

Sir—Your Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills, to whom was referred—

An act to extend the corporate existence and enlarge the powers of the Main Street Railroad Company.

Also,

An act to incorporate the town of Vernon, in Washington County, Florida, and to provide for the election of municipal officers.

Also,

An act to provide for the payment of defendant's witnesses in criminal cases.

Also,

An act to confirm and convey to grantees and assigns of the several railroad companies of the lands granted to the State of Florida for railroad purposes by act of Congress, approved May 17th, 1856, and to confirm the titles of said lands to said grantees and their assigns.

Also,

An act to amend Section 7 (seven), and an act entitled an act to make it unlawful for live stock to run at large in certain election districts of Leon County, and to provide for the impounding and sale of stock so running at large.

Also,

An act to grant to the City of Tampa all lands belonging to the State of Florida and lying within the corporate limits of the City of Tampa.

Also,

An act relating to jurors in the Circuit Courts of this State.

Also,

An act to authorize the County Commissioners of the County of Lee to adopt rules and regulations for the use and preservation of wild game, birds of song and plumage, and wild animals, the skins of which are of commercial value.

Also,

An act to appropriate funds for a Seminole Indian school, providing for its management and appointing financial trustees.

Also,

An act empowering the County Commissioners of Hernando County to contract for road work in the several districts.

Also,

An act to amend Section (4) four of Chapter 4557, Acts of 1897, Laws of Florida, entitled an act to regulate the catching or taking of fish in waters of the State of Florida.

Also,

An act to repeal Chapter 4564, Laws of Florida, entitled an act to protect and encourage the artificial growth of sponges within the waters of the State of Florida, and conceding certain riparian rights to those engaged therein, and to prescribe a license in certain cases.

Also,

An act to punish cruelty to children.

Beg to report that the same have been correctly enrolled.

Very respectfully,

E. N. DIMICK,

Chairman of Committee.

The acts contained in the above report were ordered referred to the Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills, to be conveyed to the House of Representatives for the signatures of the Speaker and Chief Clerk thereof.

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An act to amend Section (4) four of Chapter 4557, Acts of 1897, Laws of Florida, entitled an act to regulate the catching or taking of fish in waters of the State of Florida.

Also,

An act to repeal Chapter 4564, Laws of Florida, entitled an act to protect and encourage the artificial growth of sponges within the waters of the State of Florida, and conceding certain riparian rights to those engaged therein, and to prescribe a license in certain cases.

Also,

An act to punish cruelty to children.

Beg to report that the same have been presented to the House of Representatives for the signatures of the Speaker and Chief Clerk thereof.

Very respectfully,

E. N. DIMICK,

Chairman of Committee.

Mr. Dimick, Chairman of the Joint Committee on Enrolled submitted the following report:

Senate Chamber.

Tallahassee, Fla., June 1, 1899.

Hon. Frank Adams,

President of the Senate:

Sir—Your Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills, to whom was referred—

An act to extend the corporate existence and enlarge the powers of the Main Street Railroad Company.

Also,

An act to incorporate the town of Vernon, in Washington County, Florida, and to provide for the election of municipal officers.

Also,

An act to provide for the payment of defendant's witnesses in criminal cases.

Also,

An act to confirm and convey to grantees and assigns of the several railroad companies of the lands granted to the State of Florida for railroad purposes by act of Congress, approved May 17th, 1856, and to confirm the titles of said lands to said grantees and their assigns.

Also,

An act to amend Section 7 (seven), and an act entitled an act to make it unlawful for live stock to run at large in certain election districts of Leon County, and to provide for the impounding and sale of stock so running at large.

Also,

An act to grant to the City of Tampa all lands belonging to the State of Florida and lying within the corporate limits of the City of Tampa.

Also,

An act relating to jurors in the Circuit Courts of this State.

Also,

An act to authorize the County Commissioners of the County of Lee to adopt rules and regulations for the use and preservation of wild game, birds of song and plumage, and wild animals, the skins of which are of commercial value.

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An act to appropriate funds for a Seminole Indian school, providing for its management and appointing financial trustees.

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An act to punish cruelty to children.

Beg to report that the same have been duly signed by the Speaker and Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives, and are herewith presented to the Senate for the signatures of the President and Secretary thereof.

Very respectfully,

E. N. DIMICK,

Chairman of Committee.

#### ENROLLED.

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The acts were therefore duly signed by the President and Secretary of the Senate, and ordered returned to the Chairman of the Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills to convey to the Governor for his approval.

By permission—

Mr. Dimick, Chairman of the Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills, submitted the following report:

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Also,

An act to punish cruelty to children.

Beg to report that they have been delivered to the Governor for his approval.

Very respectfully,  
E. N. DIMICK,  
Chairman of Committee.

By permission—

Mr. McLin, Chairman of the Committee on Engrossed Bills, submitted the following report:

Senate Chamber,  
Tallahassee, Fla., May 31, 1899.

Hon. Frank Adams,

President of the Senate:

Sir—Your Committee on Engrossed Bills to whom was referred—

Senate Bill No. 278:

A bill to be entitled an act making appropriations for the expenses of the State government for six months of the year 1899, and for the year 1900, and for six months of the year 1901.

Beg leave to report that they have carefully examined the same and find it to be properly engrossed.

Very respectfully,  
B. E. McLIN,  
Chairman of Committee.

And Senate Bill No. 228, contained in the above report, was placed on the Calendar of Bills on third reading.

By permission—

Mr. Carson, Chairman of the Committee on Finance and Taxation, submitted the following report:

Senate Chamber,  
Tallahassee, Fla., June 1, 1899.

Hon. Frank Adams,

President of the Senate:

Sir—Your Committee on Finance and Taxation to whom was referred:

Senate Bill No. 259:

A bill to be entitled an act to create a commission whose duty it shall be to inquire into the subject of finance and taxation and the convict system of this State, of these departments of the State government and to provide for its maintenance and compensation.

Have had the same under consideration and report it back without recommendation.

Very respectfully,  
C. A. CARSON,  
Chairman of Committee.

And Senate Bill No. 259, contained in the above report, was placed on the Calendar of bills on second reading.

Mr. Blich moved that the rules be waived and that messages from the House of Representatives be taken up.

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

### MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

The following message from the House of Representatives was read:

House of Representatives,  
Tallahassee, Fla., June 1, 1899.

Hon. Frank Adams,  
President of the Senate,

Sir—I am directed by the House of Representatives to inform the Senate that the House of Representatives has declined to recede from—

House Substitute for Senate Bill No. 4,

And request a Committee of Conference, and have appointed Messrs. Raney, Wills and Zewadski such committee on part of the House.

Very respectfully,  
WM. FORSYTH BYNUM,  
Chief Clerk House of Representatives.

Mr. Wilson moved that the Senate concur in the request of the House of Representatives for a Conference Committee on Senate Bill No. 4.

Which was agreed to.

And the President appointed as a committee on the part of the Senate Messrs. Wilson, Myers and Reeves.

The following message from the House of Representatives was read:

House of Representatives,  
Tallahassee, Fla., June 1, 1899.

Hon. Frank Adams,  
President of the Senate:

Sir—I am directed by the House of Representatives to

inform the Senate that the House of Representatives has passed—

House Bill No. 425:

To be entitled an act to amend Sections 1 and 8 of an act entitled an act establishing a fine and forfeiture fund in the several counties, regulating the payment of criminal costs, authorizing a special tax for said costs and providing for the feed of prisoners and hire of convicts, and approved May 20, 1895.

Also,

House Bill No. 311:

To be entitled an act for the relief of Mary Alalia Wyer (widow).

And respectfully requests the concurrence of the the Senate therein.

Very respectfully,

WM. FORSYTH BYNUM,

Chief Clerk House of Representatives.

And House Bill No. 311, contained in the above message, was read the first time by its title.

Mr. Broome moved that the rules be waived and that House Bill No. 311 be read a second time by its title only.

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

And House Bill No. 311 was read the second time by its title.

Mr. Broome moved that the rules be further waived and that House Bill No. 311 be read a third time and put upon its passage.

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

And House Bill No. 311 was read a third time in full.

Upon call of the roll on the passage of the bill,

The vote was:

Yeas—

Mr. President,

Messrs—Barber,

Clark,

Fuller,

McCaskill,

McCreary,

Roberts—7.

Nays—Messrs—

Baker,

Blitch,

Carson,

Crosby,

Crill,

Denham,

Harris,

Hooker,

Myers,

Rogers—10.

So the bill failed to pass.

House Bill No. 425, contained in the above message, was read the first time by its title.

Mr. Crill moved that the rules be waived and that House Bill No. 425 be read a second time by its title.

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

Mr. Crill moved that the rules be further waived and that House Bill No. 425 be read a third time and put upon its passage.

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

And House Bill No. 425 was read a third time in full.

Upon call of the roll on the passage of the bill,

The vote was:

Yeas—	Crill,	McCreary,
Messrs.—	Crosby,	McLin,
Baker,	Denham,	Myers,
Barber,	Dimick,	Palmer of 11th,
Blich,	Fuller,	Roberts,
Bynum,	Gaillard,	Rogers,
Carson,	Harris,	Wadsworth,
Chaires,	Hooker,	Williams—24.
Clark,	McCaskill	
Nays—	Messrs—	Wilson—3.

Mr. President, Broome,

So the bill passed, title as stated, and was certified to the House of Representatives.

The following message from the House of Representatives was read:

House of Representatives,  
Tallahassee, Fla., June 1, 1899.

Hon. Frank Adams,

President of the Senate,

Sir—I am directed by the House of Representatives to inform the Senate that the House of Representatives has passed—

House Bill No. 169:

A bill to be entitled an act for the relief of F. J. Pons.

And respectfully requests the concurrence of the Senate therein.

Also,

Senate Bill No. 176:

A bill to be entitled an act authorizing the Governor to have all State officers examined; to report such examinations to the Legislature, and to repeal Sections 111, 127, 128 and 129 of the Revised Statutes.

Very respectfully,

WM. FORSYTH BYNUM,  
Chief Clerk House of Representatives.

And House Bill No. 169, contained in the above message, was read the first time by its title.

Mr. Barber moved that the rules be waived and that House Bill No. 169 be read a second time by its title.

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

And House Bill No. 169 was read a second time by its title.

Mr. Palmer of the 11th moved that the rules be further waived and that House Bill No. 169 be read a third time and put upon its passage.

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

And House Bill No. 169 was read a third time in full.

Upon call of the roll on the passage of the bill,

The vote was:

Yeas—	Chaires,	Roberts,
Mr. President,	Clark,	Rogers,
Messrs—	Dimick,	Wadsworth—13.
Barber.	McCreary,	
Blitch,	McLin,	
Bynum,	Palmer of 11th,	

Nays---

Messrs—	Fuller,	Myers,
Baker,	Gaillard,	Williams,
Carson,	Harris,	Wilson—10.
Denham,	McCaskill,	

So the bill passed, title as stated, and was certified to the House of Representatives.

Senate Bill No. 17<sup>th</sup> contained in above message, was referred to the Committee on Enrolled Bills.

The following message from the House of Representatives was read:

House of Representatives,  
Tallahassee, Fla., June 1, 1899.

Hon. Frank Adams,

President of the Senate:

Sir: I am directed by the House of Representatives to inform the Senate that the House of Representatives has passed—

House Bill No. 297:

To be entitled an act to authorize the payment of two hundred dollars, the reward offered by the Governor of Florida for the capture of the outlaw, Morris Slater.

And respectfully requests the concurrence of the Senate therein.

Very respectfully,

WM. FORSYTH BYNUM,  
Chief Clerk House of Representatives.

And House Bill No. 297, contained in the above message, was read the first time by its title.

Mr. McCaskill moved that the rules be waived and that House Bill No. 297 be read a second time by its title.

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

And House Bill No. 297 was read a second time by its title.

Mr. McCaskill moved that the rules be further waived and that House Bill No. 297 be read a third time and put upon its passage.

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

And House Bill No. 297 was read a third time in full.

Upon call of the roll on the passage of the bill,

The vote was:

Yeas—

Messrs—	Crili,	Myers,
Baker,	Denham,	Palmer or 11th,
Barber,	Dimick,	Reeves,
Blitch,	Fuller,	Roberts,
Broome,	Harris,	Rogers,
Bynum,	Hooker,	Wadsworth,
Carson,	McCaskill,	Wilson—24.
Chaires,	McCreary,	
Clark,	McLin,	

Nays—None.

So the bill passed, title as stated,

And was certified to the House of Representatives.

The following message from the House of Representatives was read:

House of Representatives,  
Tallahassee, Fla., June 1, 1899.

Hon. Frank Adams,

President of the Senate:

Sir—I am directed by the House of Representatives to inform the Senate that the House of Representatives has passed with amendments thereto—

Senate Bill No. 78:

A bill to be entitled an act to provide for Teachers' Summer Schools and to make appropriations therefor.

Also,

Senate Bill No. 216:

To be entitled an act to amend Section 2663 of the Revised Statutes, relating to the crossing of tracks of railroad trains.

Very respectfully,

WM. FORSYTH BYNUM,

Chief Clerk House of Representatives.

Mr. Crill moved that the Senate concur in the following House amendments to Senate Bill No. 78:

Strike out the figures "3,000" and insert in lieu thereof the following: "1,800."

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Crill moved that the Senate non-concur in the following House amendment to Senate Bill No. 78:

Strike out all of Section 2 after the word "schools" in line 4 of said section.

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Crill moved that the House of Representatives be requested to recede from the above amendment, as the Comptroller stated that it would prevent the bill carrying an appropriation.

Which was agreed to.

Senate Bill No. 216, contained in the above message, was referred to the Committee on Enrolled Bills.

The following message from the House of Representatives was read:

House of Representatives,  
Tallahassee, Fla., June 1, 1899.

Hon. Frank Adams,

President of the Senate:

Sir—I am directed by the House of Representatives to inform the Senate that the House of Representatives has passed—

House Bill No. 293:

A bill to be entitled an act for the preservation of wild deer on Merritt's Island, in Brevard County.

And respectfully requests the concurrence of the Senate therein.

Very respectfully,

WM. FORSYTH BYNUM,

Chief Clerk House of Representatives.

And House Bill No. 293, contained in the above message, was read the first time by its title.

Mr. Dimick moved that the rules be waived and that House Bill No. 293 be read a second time by its title.

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

And House Bill No. 293 was read a second time by its title.

Mr. Dimick moved that the rules be further waived and that House Bill No. 293 be read a third time and put upon its passage.

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

And House Bill No. 293 was read a third time in full.

Upon call of the roll on the passage of the bill,

The vote was:

Yeas—	Denham,	Palmer of 11th,
Mr. President,	Dimick,	Roberts,
Messrs—	Gaillard,	Rogers,
Blitch,	Harris,	Wadsworth,
Bynum,	Hooker,	Williams,
Chaires,	McCreary,	Wilson—20.
Clark,	McLin,	
Crill,	Myers,	

Nays—None.

So the bill passed, title as stated,

And was certified to the House of Representatives.

The following message from the House of Representatives was read:

House of Representatives,  
Tallahassee, Fla., June 1, 1899.

Hon. Frank Adams,

President of the Senate:

Sir—I am directed by the House of Representatives to inform the Senate that the House of Representatives has passed—

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 24:

Whereas, by Chapter 4522, Laws of Florida, the same being "an act to fix the pay of members, officers, and attaches

of the regular session of the Legislature of 1897," the per diem of the Messengers of the Senate and House of Representatives was fixed at six dollars per diem, and,

Whereas, an account of the fact that said bill passed the Senate with the pay of Messengers of the Senate and House of Representatives fixed at five dollars per diem, and on reaching the House of Representatives was so amended as to fix the pay of said Messengers at six dollars per diem, which amendment was afterward concurred in by the Senate, and the said bill passed as amended, and

Whereas, the Sergeant-at-Arms of the Senate, during the pendency of the said bill, and, under a misapprehension as to the amount, made out in his pay roll the per diem of the Messenger of the Senate at five dollars instead of six dollars as allowed by the said act, by reason of which the said Messenger of the Senate actually received only five dollars per diem, while, the Messenger of the House of Representatives received six dollars per diem as allowed by said act, all of which will more fully appear by reference to the pay-rolls of the Legislature for the year 1897 and the receipts of the payees thereon, now on file in the office of the Comptroller, and

Whereas there is now a balance of sixty dollars due the said Messenger of the Senate for the year 1897, by reason of the said oversight, which amount was, and now is, to the credit of the fund for the pay of the members, officers and attaches of the said session of 1897 and

Whereas the Comptroller is willing to issue his warrant for the said balance of sixty dollars, due as aforesaid, but is without a voucher for that purpose,

Therefore, Be it resolved by the Senate, the House concurring,

That, the Comptroller be, and he is hereby, authorized and directed to issue his warrant for the said sixty dollars payable to the said Messenger of the Senate for the year 1897.

And

Senate Bill No. 276:

A bill to be entitled an act to incorporate the Florida and Georgia Railway Company.

And respectfully requests the concurrence of the Senate therein.

Very respectfully,

WM. FORSYTH BYNUM,

Chief Clerk House of Representatives.

And Senate Bill No. 276, contained in the above message, was referred to the Committee on Enrolled Bills.

The following message from the House of Representatives was read:

House of Representatives,  
Tallahassee, Fla., June 1, 1899.

Hon. Frank Adams,

President of the Senate,

Sir—I am directed by the House of Representatives to inform the Senate that the House of Representatives has declined to pass—

Senate Bill No. 161:

A bill to be entitled an act for the relief of H. B. Gaskins, Clerk of the Circuit Court of Calhoun County, Florida.

Also passed—

Senate Bill No. 232:

A bill to be entitled an act to prevent the sale or giving away of diseased nursery stock or seeds of any kind, and to provide punishment for the same.

Very respectfully,

WM. FORSYTH BYNUM,

Chief Clerk House of Representatives.

And Senate Bill No. 232, contained in the above message, was referred to the Committee on Enrolled Bills.

The following message from the House of Representatives was read:

House of Representatives.  
Tallahassee, Fla., June 1, 1899.

Hon. Frank Adams,

President of the Senate:

Sir—I am directed by the House of Representatives to inform the Senate that the House of Representatives has passed—

Senate Bill No. 233:

A bill to be entitled an act to authorize E. H. Miller, J. J. McCullagh, J. J. McCaskill and R. E. L. McCaskill, partners doing business as the E. H. Miller Boom Company, to construct and maintain certain booms in the Choctawhatchee River and arms thereof.

Very respectfully,

WM. FORSYTH BYNUM,

Chief Clerk House of Representatives.

And Senate Bill No. 233, contained in the above message, was referred to the Committee on Enrolled Bills.

The following message from the House of Representatives was read:

House of Representatives,  
Tallahassee, Fla., June 1, 1899.

Hon. Frank Adams,

President of the Senate:

Sir—I am directed by the House of Representatives to inform the Senate that the House of Representatives has passed—

House Judiciary Committee Substitute for—  
Senate Bill No. 98:

A bill to be entitled an act to authorize suits to recover damage for deaths of minors, caused by negligence of corporations or private associations of persons.

And respectfully requests the concurrence of the Senate therein.

Very respectfully,

WM. FORSYTH BYNUM,

Chief Clerk House of Representatives.

And House Substitute for Senate Bill No. 98, contained in the above message, was read the first time by its title.

Mr. McCreary moved to concur in the House amendment to Senate Bill No. 98.

Which was agreed to.

And Senate Bill No. 98, as amended by the House of Representatives, was referred to the Committee on Enrolled Bills.

The following message from the House of Representatives was read:

House of Representatives.  
Tallahassee, Fla., June 1, 1899.

Hon. Frank Adams,

President of the Senate:

Sir—I am directed by the House of Representatives to inform the Senate that the House of Representatives has passed—

House Bill No. 418:

A bill to be entitled an act authorizing the Governor of this State to appoint a committee of three to report to the

next Legislature the best method of working the State convicts, and appropriating \$500.00 for the purpose of carrying out the provisions of the same.

And respectfully requests the concurrence of the Senate therein.

Very respectfully,

WM. FORSYTH BYNUM,

Chief Clerk House of Representatives.

And House Bill No. 418, contained in the above message, was read the first time by its title.

Mr. Barber moved that the rules be waived and that House Bill No. 418 be read a second time by its title.

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

And House Bill No. 418 was read a second time by its title.

Mr. Barber moved that House Bill No. 418 be laid on the table subject to call.

Which was agreed to.

The following message from the House of Representatives was read:

House of Representatives,  
Tallahassee, Fla., June 1, 1899.

Hon. Frank Adams,

President of the Senate:

Sir—I am directed by the House of Representatives to inform the Senate that the House of Representatives has passed—

House Bill No. 345:

A bill to be entitled an act to protect mechanics, laborers and material men, and to provide for the summary collection of moneys due them for wages or materials furnished.

And respectfully requests the concurrence of the Senate therein.

Very respectfully,

WM. FORSYTH BYNUM,

Chief Clerk House of Representatives.

And House Bill No. 345, contained in the above message, was read the first time by its title.

Mr. McCreary moved that House Bill No. 335 be laid on the table subject to call.

Which was agreed to.

The following message from the House of Representatives was read:

House of Representatives.  
Tallahassee, Fla., June 1, 1899.

Hon. Frank Adams,

President of the Senate:

Sir—I am directed by the House of Representatives to inform the Senate that the House of Representatives has passed—

House Bill No. 320:

A bill to be entitled an act relating to bills in equity for the quieting and removing of clouds from titles to real estate.

And respectfully requests the concurrence of the Senate therein.

Very respectfully,  
WM.FORSYTH BYNUM,

Chief Clerk House of Representatives.

And House Bill No. 320, contained in the above message, was read the first time by its title.

Mr. Palmer of the 11th moved that House Bill No. 320 be laid on table subject to call.

Which was agreed to.

The following message from the House of Representatives was read:

House of Representatives,  
Tallahassee, Fla., June 1, 1899.

Hon. Frank Adams,

President of the Senate:

Sir—I am directed by the House of Representatives to inform the Senate that the House of Representatives has passed—

House Bill No. 324:

A bill to be entitled an act to make women eligible to appointment as notaries public.

And respectfully requests the concurrence of the Senate therein.

Very respectfully,  
WM.FORSYTH BYNUM,

Chief Clerk House of Representatives.

And House Bill No. 324, contained in the above message, was read the first time by its title.

Mr. Palmer of the 11th moved that the rules be waived and that House Bill No. 324 be read a second time by its title.

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

And House Bill No. 324 was read a second time by its title.

Mr. Palmer of the 11th moved that the rules be further waived and that House Bill No. 324 be read a third time and put upon its passage.

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

And House Bill No. 324 was read a third time in full.

Mr. Broome moved to indefinitely postpone House Bill No. 324.

Mr. Broome withdrew the motion.

Mr. Carson moved that the Senate adjourn until 3 o'clock P. M.

Which was agreed to.

Thereupon the Senate adjourned until 3 o'clock P. M.

#### AFTERNOON SESSION.

Senate met pursuant to adjournment.

The President in the Chair.

The roll was called and the following Senators answered to their names:

Mr. President,	Carson,	McCreary,
Messrs. Baker,	Chaires,	McLin,
Barber,	Clark,	Myers,
Blitch,	Denham,	Reeves,
Broome,	Dimick,	Rogers,
Bynum,	Gaillard,	

Answering roll-call—17.

A quorum present.

The Journal of Monday was presented to the Senate.

On motion the reading of the Journal was dispensed with.

The Journal was approved.

By permission—

Mr. Dimick, Chairman of the Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills, submitted the following report:

Senate Chamber.  
Tallahassee, Fla., May 31, 1899.

Hon. Frank Adams, .

President of the Senate:

Sir—Your Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills, to whom was referred—

An act to enable owners of swamp, low or overflowed lands to drain or reclaim the same.

Also,

An act to provide for the preparation and distribution of a manual for Justices of the Peace.

Also,

An act to protect and prescribe the manner of taking food fish from certain waters in Lee County.

Also,

An act to provide for the annual levy and collection of a tax for the maintenance and support of the State Board of Health.

Also,

An act to grant the water front of the City of Pensacola.

Also,

An act to provide for the redemption of tax certificates now held, or that may hereafter be held by the State of Florida, after the expiration of two years from the date of the tax certificate.

Also,

Joint resolution relating to the sale of the acts of the Legislature now in the hands of the Secretary of State, and that may hereafter come into his hands.

Also,

An act declaring the town of LaCrosse, in the County of Alachua, to be a legally incorporated town.

Be it reported that the same have been duly signed by the Speaker and Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives and are presented to the Senate for the signatures of the President and Secretary thereof.

Very respectfully,

E. N. DIMICK,

Chairman of Committee.

## ENROLLED.

The President announced that he was about to sign—

An act to enable owners of swamp, low or overflowed lands to drain or reclaim the same.

Also,

An act to provide for the preparation and distribution of a manual for the Justices of the Peace.

Also,

An act to protect and prescribe the manner of taking food fish from certain waters in Lee County.

Also,

An act to provide for the annual levy and collection of a tax for the maintenance and support of the State Board of Health.

Also,

An act to grant the water front of the City of Pensacola.

Also,

An act to provide for the redemption of tax certificates now held or that may hereafter be held by the State of Florida, after the expiration of two years from the date of the tax certificate.

Also,

Joint Resolution relating to the sale of the Acts of the Legislature now in the hands of the Secretary of the State, and that may hereafter come into his hands.

Also,

An act declaring the town of LaCrosse, in the county of Alachua, to be a legally incorporated town.

The acts were therefore duly signed by the President and Secretary of the Senate, and ordered returned to the Chairman of the Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills to convey to the Governor for his approval.

By permission—

Mr. Dimick, Chairman of the Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills, submitted the following report:

Senate Chamber.

Tallahassee, Fla., May 31, 1899.

Hon. Frank Adams,

President of the Senate:

Sir--Your Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills, to whom was referred—

An act to enable owners of swamp, low or overflowed lands to drain or reclaim the same.

Also,

An act to provide for the preparation and distribution of a manual for Justices of the Peace.

Also,

An act to protect and prescribe the manner of taking food fish from certain waters in Lee County.

Also,

An act to provide for the annual levy and collection of a tax for the maintenance and support of the State Board of Health.

Also,

An act to grant the water front of the City of Pensacola.

Also,

An act to provide for the redemption of tax certificates now held, or that may hereafter be held by the State of Florida, after the expiration of two years from the date of the tax certificate.

Also,

Joint resolution relating to the sale of the acts of the Legislature now in the hands of the Secretary of State, and that may hereafter come into his hands.

Also,

An act declaring the town of LaCrosse, in the County of Alachua, to be a legally incorporated town.

Beg to report that the same have been presented to the Governor for his approval.

Very Respectfully,

E. N. DIMICK,

Chairman of Committee.

By permission—

Mr. Reeves introduced:

Senate Bill No. 279:

A bill to be entitled an act to amend Section 24 of Chapter 4322, the same being an act entitled an act for the assessment and collection of revenue, approved June 1, 1895.

Which was read the first time by its title.

Mr. Reeves moved that the rules be waived and that Senate Bill No. 279 be read a second time by its title only.

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

And Senate Bill No. 279 was read a second time by its title.

Mr. Reeves moved that the rules be further waived and

that Senate Bill No. 279 be read a third time and put upon its passage.

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

And Senate Bill No. 279 was read a third time in full.

Upon call of the roll on the passage of the bill,

The vote was:

Yeas—

Mr. President,	Carson,	McCreary,
Messrs.—	Clark,	McLin,
Baker,	Crill,	Myers,
Barber,	Denham,	Palmer of 11th,
Blicht,	Dimick,	Reeves,
Broome,	Gaillard,	Rogers—17.

Nays—Mr. Bynum, 1.

So the bill passed, title as stated,

And was certified to the House of Representatives.

House Bill No. 324:

A bill to be entitled an act to make women eligible to appointment as Notaries Public.

Which was pending consideration at adjournment this morning.

Wts taken up.

Upon call of the roll on the passage of the bill,

The vote was:

Yeas—	Crill,	McCreary,
Mr. President,	Denham,	McLin,
Messrs. Baker,	Dimick,	Myers,
Barber,	Gaillard,	Palmer of 11th,
Blicht,	Harris,	Rogers,
Bynum,	Hooker,	Williams—19.
Carson,	McCaskill	

Nays --

Messrs.—

Broome,  
Clark—2.

So the bill passed, title as stated,

And was certified to the House of Representatives.

A message was received from the House of Representatives.

Mr. Carson moved that the rules be waived and House Bill No. 351 be taken up out of its order and considered.

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

And,

House Bill No. 351:

Entitled an act for the sale of tax certificates now held or

that may hereafter be held by the State of Florida after the expiration of two years from the date of the tax certificate.

Was taken up.

Mr. Carson moved that the rules be waived and that House Bill No. 351 be read a second time by its title.

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

And House Bill No. 351 was read a second time by its title.

Mr. Carson moved that the rules be further waived and that House Bill No. 351 be read a third time and put upon its passage.

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

And House Bill No. 351 was read a third time in full.

Upon call of the roll on the passage of the bill,

The vote was:

Yeas—

Messrs—

Baker,	Crill,	McCreary,
Barber,	Denham,	McLin,
Blitch,	Fuller,	Myers,
Broome,	Gaillard,	Reeves,
Carson,	Harris,	Rogers,
Clark,	Hooker,	Williams,
	McCaskill,	Wilson—20.

Nays—

Mr. President, Mr. Bynum—2.

So the bill passed, title as stated,

And was certified to the House of Representatives.

Mr. Hooker moved that the rules be waived and that House Bill No. 258 be taken up out of its order and considered.

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

And,

House Bill No. 258:

To be entitled an act to make water courses and lakes in this State accessible to stock.

Was taken up.

Mr. Hooker moved that the rules be waived and that House Bill No. 258 be read a second time by its title only.

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

And House Bill No. 258 was read a second time by its title.

Mr. Hooker moved that the rules be further waived and that House Bill No. 258 be read a third time and put upon its passage.

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

And House Bill No. 258 was read a third time in full.

Upon call of the roll on the passage of the bill,

The vote was:

Yeas—

Messrs—	Blitch,	McCaskill
Mr. President,	Carson,	Rogers,
Messrs—	Chaires,	Wadsworth,
Barber,	Hooker,	Williams—10.
Nays		
Messrs—	Denham,	Palmer of 11th,
Baker,	Fuller,	Reeves,
Broome,	Gaillard,	Roberts,
Bynum,	McLin,	Wilson—13.
Clark,	Myers,	

So the bill failed to pass.

Mr. Myers moved that the rules be waived and that House Bill No. 180 be taken up out of its order and considered.

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

And,

House Bill No. 180:

To be entitled an act to authorize the Board of Public Instruction of any county of the State of Florida to contract debts for the purchase of real estate to be used for educational purposes, for the erection of school buildings, and for other educational purposes, and to provide for the payment thereof.

Was taken up.

Mr. Myers moved that the rules be waived and that House Bill No. 180 be read a second time by its title only.

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

And House Bill No. 180 was read a second time by its title.

Mr. Myers moved that the rules be further waived and that House Bill No. 180 be read a third time and put upon its passage.

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

And House Bill No. 180 was read a third time in full.

Upon call of the roll on the passage of the bill,

The vote was:

Yeas—	Crill,	McCreary,
Mr. President,	Denham,	Myers,
Messrs—	Dimick,	Palmer of 11th,
Baker,	Fuller,	Reeves,
Blitch,	Gaillard,	Roberts,
Broome,	Harris,	Rogers,
Carson,	Hendley,	Wadsworth,

Chaires,	Hooker,	Wilson—22.
Nays—	Bynum,	McCaskill.
Messrs—	Clark,	McLin—4.

So the bill passed, title as stated,

And was certified to the House of Representatives.

Mr. Broome moved that when the Senate adjourn this afternoon it adjourn to meet at 8:30 p. m.

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Blitch moved that the rules be waived and House Bill No. 271 be taken up out of its order and considered.

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

And,

House Bill No. 271:

To be entitled an act to amend Section 2635, of the Revised Statutes.

Was taken up.

Mr. Blitch moved that the rules be waived and that House Bill No. 271 be read a second time by its title only.

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

And House Bill No. 271 was read a second time by its title.

Mr. Blitch moved that the rules be further waived and that House Bill No. 271 be read a third time and put upon its passage.

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

And House Bill No. 271 was read a third time in full.

Mr. Blitch asked unanimous consent to amend the title of House Bill No. 271.

Which was granted.

Mr. Blitch offered the following amendment to House Bill No. 271:

Amend the title so as to read as follows:

A bill to be entitled an act to amend Section 2635 of the Revised Statutes of Florida, relating to the sale of intoxicating liquors, wines or beer to certain persons, and to provide a penalty for the violation thereof.

Which was unanimously agreed to.

Upon call of the roll on the passage of the bill,

The vote was:

Yeas—	Broome,	McCaskill,
Messrs—	Carson,	Reeves,
Baker,	Clark,	Wilson—11.
Barber,	Crill,	
Blitch,	Hooker,	

Nays--	Denham,	Myers,
Mr. President,	Dimick,	Roberts,
Messrs--	Fuller,	Rogers,
Bynum,	Gaillard,	Wadsworth,
Chaires,	Harris,	Williams—13.

So the bill failed to pass.

Mr. McCreary moved that the rules be waived and that Committee Substitute for House Bill No. 73 be taken up out of its order and considered.

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

Committee substitute for—

House Bill No. 73:

A bill to be entitled an act to amend Section 260, of the Revised Statutes of the State of Florida, entitled—Census By Supervisor—and Section 261, of such Revised Statutes, entitled, On Failure of Supervisor, Superintendent to take Census.

Was taken up.

Mr. McCreary moved that the rules be waived and that Committee Substitute for House Bill No. 73 be read a second time by its title only.

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

And Committee Substitute for House Bill No. 73 was read a second time by its title.

Mr. McCreary moved that the rules be further waived and that Committee Substitute for House Bill No. 73 be read a third time and put upon its passage.

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

And Committee Substitute for House Bill No. 73 was read a third time in full.

Mr. McCreary asked unanimous consent to amend Committee Substitute for House Bill No. 73 on third reading.

Which was granted.

Mr. McCreary offered the following amendment to Committee Substitute for House Bill No. 73:

In Section 1, between the words "shall" and "the," in line 5, insert the word "be."

Which was unanimously agreed to.

Upon call of the roll,

On the passage of Committee Substitute for House Bill No. 73,

The vote was:

Yeas—	Carson,	McLin,
Mr. President,	Chaires,	Reeves,
Messrs.—	Hendley,	Roberts,
Baker,	McCaskill,	Williams.
Blitch,	McCreary,	Wilson—13.
Nays—	Clark,	Gaillard,
Messrs.—	Denham,	Harris,
Bynum,	Fuller,	Hooker—7.

So the bill passed, title as stated,

And was certified to the House of Representatives.

Mr. Crill moved that the rules be waived and that messages from the House of Representatives be taken up.

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

#### MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

The following message from the House of Representatives was read:

House of Representatives,  
Tallahassee, Fla., June 1, 1899.

Hon. Frank Adams,

President of the Senate:

Sir—I am directed by the House of Representatives to inform the Senate that the House of Representatives has passed—

Senate Bill No. 84:

A bill to be entitled an act to provide for the issuing of one million thirty-two thousand five hundred dollars of bonds for the purpose of refunding and redeeming the seven per cent. bonds issued under act of the Legislature, passed January 26, 1891, and the six per cent. bonds issued under an act of the Legislature approved February 21, 1873, and the manuscript bonds issued under an act of the Legislature approved February 16, 1885.

Also,

Senate Bill No. 213:

To be entitled an act to amend Chapter 4563, Laws of Florida, entitled an act for the appointment of fish and game wardens in the various counties of the State of Florida, approved June 5, 1897.

Also,

Senate Bill No. 249:

A bill to be entitled an act to legalize the marriages and offspring of persons of African descent.

Very respectfully,

WM. FORSYTH BYNUM,

Chief Clerk House of Representatives.

And Senate Bills Nos. 84, 213 and 249, contained in the above message, was referred to the Committee on Enrolled Bills.

The following message from the House of Representatives was read:

House of Representatives,  
Tallahassee, Fla., June 1, 1899.

Hon. Frank Adams,

President of the Senate:

Sir—I am directed by the House of Representatives to inform the Senate that the House of Representatives has passed—

Senate Bill No. 169:

A bill to be entitled an act to prohibit obstructing wagon roads and breaking fences by careless or malicious felling of timber.

Also,

Senate Bill No. 207:

A bill to be entitled an act to amend Section 831 and 832, Revised Statutes of Florida, relating to dentists.

Very respectfully,

WM. FORSYTH BYNUM,

Chief Clerk House of Representatives.

And Senate Bills Nos. 169 and 297, contained in the above message, were referred to the Committee on Enrolled Bills.

The following message from the House of Representatives was read:

House of Representatives,  
Tallahassee, Fla., June 1, 1899.

Hon. Frank Adams,

President of the Senate,

Sir—I am directed by the House of Representatives to inform the Senate that the House of Representatives has passed—

Senate Bill No. 147:

A bill to be entitled an act to provide for an investigation of the tax sale certificates and certified lists of land now held by the State of Florida, making a list of the same by counties; also a separate list of those that are defective for any cause; making a summary and requiring a complete permanent record of the same.

Very respectfully,  
WM. FORSYTH BYNUM,

Chief Clerk House of Representatives.

And Senate Bill No. 147, contained in the above message, was referred to the Committee on Enrolled Bills.

The following message from the House of Representatives was read:

House of Representatives,  
Tallahassee, Fla., June 1, 1899.

Hon. Frank Adams,

President of the Senate:

Sir—I am directed by the House of Representatives to inform the Senate that the House of Representatives has passed—

Senate Bill No. 256:

A bill to be entitled an act to amend Section 4 of Chapter 4298 of the Laws of Florida, being an act to establish a municipal government for the town of Plant City, Florida.

Very respectfully,  
WM. FORSYTH BYNUM,  
Chief Clerk House of Representatives.

And Senate Bill No. 256, contained in the above message, was referred to the Committee on Enrolled Bills.

The following message from the House of Representatives was read:

House of Representatives,  
Tallahassee, Fla., June 1, 1899.

Hon. Frank Adams,

President of the Senate:

Sir—I am directed by the House of Representatives to inform the Senate that the House of Representatives has declined to recede from House Amendment to Senate Bill No. 78 and requests the appointment of a Committee of Confer-

ence, and has appointed Messrs. Raney of Leon, Pelot of Manatee and Payne of Marion such committee on part of the House.

Very respectfully,  
WM. FORSYTH BYNUM,  
Chief Clerk House of Representatives.

Mr. Crill moved that the Senate consent to the request of the House of Representatives for a Committee of Conference on Senate Bill No. 78.

Which was agreed to.

The President appointed as such committee on the part of the Senate Messrs. Crill, Fuller and Hooker.

The following message from the House of Representatives was read:

House of Representatives,  
Tallahassee, Fla., June 1, 1899.

Hon. Frank Adams,  
President of the Senate:

Sir—I am directed by the House of Representatives to inform the Senate that the House of Representatives has passed—

House Bill No. 439:

A bill to be entitled an act to amend Sections 60 and 61, and to repeal Section 59, of Chapter 4532, Laws of Florida, entitled an act for the assessment and collection of revenue, approved June 1st, 1895.

And has indefinitely postponed Senate Bill No. 205.

And respectfully requests the concurrence of the House thereto.

Very respectfully,  
WM. FORSYTH BYNUM,  
Chief Clerk House of Representatives.

And House Bill No. 439, contained in the above message, was read the first time by its title.

Mr. Crill moved that the rules be waived and that House Bill No. 439 be read a second time by its title.

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

And House Bill No. 439 was read a second time by its title.

Mr. Crill offered the following amendment to House Bill No. 439:

Strike out the words "together with ten per cent. thereon" in line 18, Section 2.

Mr. Crill moved the adoption of the amendment.

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Reeves moved that House Bill No. 439 be laid on table subject to call.

Which was agreed to.

The following message from the House of Representatives was read:

House of Representatives.  
Tallahassee, Fla., June 1, 1899.

Hon. Frank Adams,

President of the Senate:

Sir—I am directed by the House of Representatives to inform the Senate that the House of Representatives has passed—

House Bill No. 439:

A bill to be entitled an act to provide for the levy of taxes for the years 1899 and 1900.

Also,

House Bill No. 436:

To be entitled an act authorizing the assessment and collection of taxes on railroads or telegraph lines for such year or years not exceeding three years, as the assessment and collection of any such taxes may have been, or shall be omitted.

And respectfully requests the concurrence of the Senate therein.

Very respectfully,

WM. FORSYTH BYNUM,

Chief Clerk House of Representatives.

And House Bill No. 439, contained in the above message, was read the first time by its title.

Mr. McCreary moved that House Bill No. 439 be placed on the Calendar of bills on second reading without reference.

Which was agreed to.

House Bill No. 436, contained in the above message, was read the first time by its title.

Mr. McCreary moved that House Bill No. 436 be placed on the Calendar of bills on second reading without reference to committee.

Which was agreed to.

The following message from the House of Representatives was read:

House of Representatives,  
Tallahassee, Fla., June 1, 1899.

Hon. Frank Adams,

President of the Senate:

Sir—I am directed by the House of Representatives to inform the Senate that the House of Representatives has passed—

House Bill No. 402:

To be entitled an act to create a Finance and Taxation Commission for the State of Florida, to prescribe its powers and duties, and to provide for its maintenance and compensation.

And respectfully requests the concurrence of the Senate therein.

Very respectfully,  
WM. FORSYTH BYNUM,

Chief Clerk House of Representatives.

And House Bill No. 402, contained in the above message, was read the first time by its title and referred to the Committee on Finance and Taxation.

The following message from the House of Representatives was read:

House of Representatives.  
Tallahassee, Fla., June 1, 1899.

Hon. Frank Adams,

President of the Senate:

Sir—I am directed by the House of Representatives to inform the Senate that the House of Representatives has passed—

House Bill No. 434:

To be entitled an act to provide for the assessment and collection of taxes on railroads, spurs and spur tracks not owned or rented.

Also,

House Bill No. 440:

A bill to be entitled an act to provide for the appointment of a Board to prepare questions for the uniform examination of teachers in the public free schools in this State, and to prescribe its duties and to provide for its compensation.

And respectfully requests the concurrence of the Senate therein.

Very respectfully,  
WM. FORSYTH BYNUM,  
Chief Clerk House of Representatives.

And House Bill No. 434, contained in the above message, was read the first time by its title.

Mr. Barber moved that the rules be waived and that House Bill No. 434 be read a second time by its title only.

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

And House Bill No. 434 was read a second time by its title.

Mr. Barber moved that the rules be further waived and that House Bill No. 434 be read a third time and put upon its passage.

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

And House Bill No. 434 was read a third time in full.

Upon call of the roll on the passage of the bill,

The vote was:

Yeas—

Messrs—	Denham,	Palmer of 11th,
Barber,	Hendley,	Reeves,
Blitch,	McCaskill,	Williams,
Broome,	McCreary,	Wilson—13.
Carson,	McLin,	

Nays—	Chaires,	Myers,
Mr. President,	Dimick,	Roberts—8.
Messrs.—	Gaillard,	
Bynum,	Harris,	

So the bill passed, title as stated,

And was certified to the House of Representatives.

And House Bill No. 440, contained in the above message, was read the first time by its title and referred to the Committee on Education.

Mr. Palmer of the 11th moved that the Senate adjourn.

Which was not agreed to.

Mr. Carson moved that the rules be waived and Senate Bill No. 171 be taken up out of its order and considered.

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

And,

Senate Bill No. 271:

A bill to be entitled an act to prohibit shipping fruits and vegetables imported into this State as Florida products.

Was taken up and read a third time in full.

Upon call of the roll on the passage of the bill,

The vote was:

Yeas—

Mr. President,	Bynum,	McCreary,
Messrs—	Carson,	McLin,
Baker,	Clark,	Palmer of 11th,
Barber,	Denham,	Roberts,
Blitch,	Hendley,	Williams,
Broome,	McCaskill,	Wilson—17.

Nays—None.

So the bill passed, title as stated,  
And was certified to the House of Representatives.

By permission—

Mr. Dimick, Chairman of the Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills, submitted the following report:

Senate Chamber,  
Tallahassee, Fla., June 1, 1899.

Hon. Frank Adams,

President of the Senate:

Sir—Your Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills, to whom was referred—

An act for the relief of Dr. James S. Herron of Escambia County.

Also,

An act to prohibit unauthorized persons from entering upon any railway train or locomotive while the same is in motion, and to provide a penalty therefor.

Also,

An act to exempt ex-Confederate soldiers whose property does not exceed the value of five hundred dollars from paying a license tax to peddle in the State of Florida.

Also,

An act to regulate the marking, branding, buying and selling of range stock and beef cattle in the State of Florida and prescribing a punishment for any violation thereof.

Also,

An act to provide a penalty for selling liquors in counties or precincts voting against such sale and to repeal Chapter 4551, Laws of Florida, approved June 2, 1897, same being an act entitled an act to amend Section 2634 of Article 14, Chapter 7 of the Revised Statutes of the State of Florida, relating to the selling of liquors in counties or precincts voting against such sales.

Also,

An act to provide annuities for disabled soldiers and sailors,

and the wives of deceased soldiers and sailors of the State of Florida.

Also,

An act to regulate the shooting of ducks in the State of Florida.

Beg to report that the same have been correctly enrolled.

Very respectfully,

E. N. DIMICK,

Chairman of Committee.

The acts contained in the above report were ordered referred to the Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills, to be conveyed to the House of Representatives for the signatures of the Speaker and Chief Clerk thereof.

By permission—

Mr. Dimick, Chairman of the Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills, submitted the following report:

Senate Chamber,

Tallahassee, Fla., June 1, 1899.

Hon. Frank Adams,

President of the Senate:

Sir—Your Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills, to whom was referred—

An act for the relief of Dr. James S. Herron of Escambia County.

Also,

An act to prohibit unauthorized persons from entering upon any railway train or locomotive while the same is in motion, and to provide a penalty therefor.

Also,

An act to exempt ex-Confederate soldiers whose property does not exceed the value of five hundred dollars from paying a license tax to peddle in the State of Florida.

Also,

An act to regulate the marking, branding, buying and selling of range stock and beef cattle in the State of Florida and prescribing a punishment for any violation thereof.

Also,

An act to provide a penalty for selling liquors in counties or precincts voting against such sale and to repeal Chapter 4551, Laws of Florida, approved June 2, 1897, same being an act entitled an act to amend Section 2634 of Article 14, Chapter 7 of the Revised Statutes of the State of Florida,

relating to the selling of liquors in counties or precincts voting against such sales.

Also,

An act to provide annuities for disabled soldiers and sailors, and the wives of deceased soldiers and sailors of the State of Florida.

Also,

An act to regulate the shooting of ducks in the State of Florida.

Beg to report that the same has been presented to the House of Representatives for the signatures of the Speaker and Chief Clerk thereof.

Very Respectfully,

E. N. DIMICK,

Chairman of Committee.

By permission—

Mr. Dimick, Chairman of the Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills, submitted the following report:

Senate Chamber.

Tallahassee, Fla., June 1, 1899.

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President of the Senate:

Sir—Your Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills, to whom was referred—

An act for the relief of Dr. James S. Herron of Escambia County.

Also,

An act to prohibit unauthorized persons from entering upon any railway train or locomotive while the same is in motion, and to provide a penalty therefor.

Also,

An act to exempt ex-Confederate soldiers whose property does not exceed the value of five hundred dollars from paying a license tax to peddle in the State of Florida.

Also,

An act to regulate the marking, branding, buying and selling of range stock and beef cattle in the State of Florida and prescribing a punishment for any violation thereof.

Also,

An act to provide a penalty for selling liquors in counties or precincts voting against such sale and to repeal Chapter 4551, Laws of Florida, approved June 2, 1897, same being

an act entitled an act to amend Section 2634 of Article 14, Chapter 7 of the Revised Statutes of the State of Florida, relating to the selling of liquors in counties or precincts voting against such sales.

Also,

An act to provide annuities for disabled soldiers and sailors, and the wives of deceased soldiers and sailors of the State of Florida.

Also,

An act to regulate the shooting of ducks in the State of Florida.

Beg leave to report that the same has been duly signed by the Speaker and Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives, and is presented to the Senate for the signature of the President and Secretary thereof.

Very respectfully,

E. N. DIMICK,

Chairman of Committee.

#### ENROLLED.

The President announced that he was about to sign—

An act for the relief of Dr. James S. Herron of Escambia County.

Also,

An act to prohibit unauthorized persons from entering upon any railway train or locomotive while the same is in motion, and to provide a penalty therefor.

Also,

An act to exempt ex-Confederate soldiers whose property does not exceed the value of five hundred dollars from paying a license tax to peddle in the State of Florida.

Also,

An act to regulate the marking, branding, buying and selling of range stock and beef cattle in the State of Florida and prescribing a punishment for any violation thereof.

Also,

An act to provide a penalty for selling liquors in counties or precincts voting against such sale and to repeal Chapter 4551, Laws of Florida, approved June 2, 1897, same being an act entitled an act to amend Section 2634 of Article 14, Chapter 7 of the Revised Statutes of the State of Florida, relating to the selling of liquors in counties or precincts voting against such sales.

Also,

An act to provide annuities for disabled soldiers and sailors, and the wives of deceased soldiers and sailors of the State of Florida.

Also,

An act to regulate the shooting of ducks in the State of Florida.

The acts were therefore duly signed by the President and Secretary of the Senate, and ordered returned to the Chairman of the Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills to convey to the Governor for his approval.

By permission—

Mr. Dimick, Chairman of the Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills, submitted the following report:

Senate Chamber.

Tallahassee, Fla., June 1, 1899.

Hon. Frank Adams,

President of the Senate:

Sir—Your Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills, to whom was referred—

An act for the relief of Dr. James S. Herron of Escambia County.

Also,

An act to prohibit unauthorized persons from entering upon any railway train or locomotive while the same is in motion, and to provide a penalty therefor.

Also,

An act to exempt ex-Confederate soldiers whose property does not exceed the value of five hundred dollars from paying a license tax to peddle in the State of Florida.

Also,

An act to regulate the marking, branding, buying and selling of range stock and beef cattle in the State of Florida and prescribing a punishment for any violation thereof.

Also,

An act to provide a penalty for selling liquors in counties or precincts voting against such sale and to repeal Chapter 4551, Laws of Florida, approved June 2, 1897, same being an act entitled an act to amend Section 2634 of Article 14, Chapter 7 of the Revised Statutes of the State of Florida, relating to the selling of liquors in counties or precincts voting against such sales.

Also,

An act to provide annuities for disabled soldiers and sailors, and the wives of deceased soldiers and sailors of the State of Florida.

Also,

An act to regulate the shooting of ducks in the State of Florida.

Beg to report that the same have been presented to the Governor for his approval.

Very respectfully,

E. N. DIMICK,

Chairman of Committee.

Mr. Chaires, Chairman of the Joint Committee to examine the books, accounts and papers of the offices of Commissioner of Agriculture and Internal Improvement Fund, submitted the following report:

Senate Chamber,  
Tallahassee, Fla., June 1, 1899.

Hon. Frank Adams,

President of the Senate:

Sir—By a Concurrent Resolution of the Senate and House of Representatives, your committee was appointed to examine the books, accounts and papers of the Commissioner of Agriculture and Internal Improvement Fund, and we beg leave to make our report.

We find on examination of the books and papers of the land department that the Commissioner has received from the United States Land Office at Washington, D. C., and has now in his office, patents conveying lands under act of Congress of September 28, 1850, to the State of Florida, to-wit: Numbers 116, 117, 118, 119, 120, 121, 122 and 123 inclusive, Gainesville district, with a total acreage of 366,916.51 acres.

There were previously patented to the State of Florida 16,734,852.19 acres, making a total of patents received of 17,101,768.70 acres, and the quantity disposed of prior to 1897 was 15,618,840.33 acres; amount entered by S. I. Wales on his account as State Agent in 1897 and 1898 was 4,276.69 acres; amount conveyed and charged to railroads and canals in 1897 was 431,995.26 acres; amount conveyed and charged to railroads and canals in 1898 was 615,461.05 acres; amount sold in 1897, 6,311.52 acres, and sold in 1898, 2,819.03 acres, making the total amount of land disposed of up to January 1, 1899, 16,679,703.88 acres, leaving

a balance of the lands granted under act of Congress of September 28, 1850, on hand January 1, 1899, of 422,064.82 acres.

### SWAMP LANDS.

After careful and searching examination your committee finds that the swamp lands sold under the provisions of the Revised Statutes at 25 cents per acre during the year 1897, was 6,311.52 acres, and the amount of money received for this land was \$1,933.98; and the amount sold in 1898 was 2,819.03 acres, and the amount of money received was \$889.45.

To railroads and canal companies that have received lands under their respective grants, there were deeded for the year 1897 241,715.26 acres, and for the year 1898 615,416.65 acres. There has also been conveyed to railroads, on account of certificates previously issued, for lands which the State has since received patents, July 2, 1897, 190,280 acres.

### SWAMP LAND INDEMNITY.

The quantity of land located by the respective owners of swamp land indemnity certificates, which has been patented to the State, is as follows: Total amount as per last report, 65,977.94 acres, of which there has been conveyed by the State to the owners of these certificates, to such persons as they direct, as per last report, 55,074.94 acres. There were errors in the report of 1881 and 1882 (in excess) of 601.19 acres, and errors in areas given in patents, in excess of actual areas and also lands reconveyed to United States government, reported 209.13 acres, making a total of 55,885.26 acres of swamp land indemnity disposed of.

### INTERNAL IMPROVEMENT LAND.

The amount of internal improvement lands on January 1, 1897, was 101,257.37 acres, of which there was sold in 1897 4,314.93 acres, and in 1898 there was sold 2,253.54 acres, making a total of 6,568.47 acres for the two years, leaving a balance on hand January 1, 1899, of 94,688.90 acres; of the internal improvement lands sold during the year 1897, 3,304.17 acres were sold for \$3,050.63, and in 1898 1,572.71 acres were sold for \$1,199.44, and that sold in 1897, under the instalment plan there were 1,010.76 acres that amounted to \$1,283.53, for which there was received \$428.29, and for

the year 1898 there was sold of the internal improvement lands 680.83 acres, that amounted to \$851.05, for which there was received \$284.36.

### BALANCE SHEET.

(From Books of the Treasurer of I. I. Fund.)

Cash.	\$18,835.99	Internal Imp. Fund .....	\$ 4,251.25
		Relief of Bonded Counties.	14,223.44
		Sinking Fund Fla. R. R.	
		Bonds .....	260.10
		Sinking Fund F. A. & G.	
		C. R. R. Bonds.....	101.20
	\$18,835.99		<hr/>
			\$18,835.99

### INTERNAL IMPROVEMENT FUND.

(Receipts.)

Balance on hand January 1, 1897.....	\$13,777.75
Refunded .....	7.10
Land sales 1897 .....	18,883.95
Stumpage, 1897 .....	18.80
Land sales 1898 .....	749.56
Stumpage, 1898 .....	65.53
Total .....	<hr/> \$16,502.69

Disbursement as shown by vouchers 371 to 429,  
inclusive .....

	\$12,251.44
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Balance on hand January 1, 1899..... 4,251.25

Having examined thoroughly into the accounts of this fund, we find them correct in every respect, and submit the above statement of receipts and expenditures and balance sheet of same. These lands were patented to the State by an act of Congress, September 4, 1841, for the purpose of aiding internal improvements, and comprises the best lands for sale by the State.

In connection herewith your committee finds there has been adjusted with the General Land Office at Washington, D. C., by the Commissioner a claim for internal improvement land of over 2,000 acres, that will be approved to the

State and sold, the proceeds of which will go to the relief of the bonded counties. This, your committee learns, has been arranged without cost or expense to the State for selecting or locating the lands. This acreage due the State for lands under the Internal Improvement Act of September 4, 1841, occurred by reason of land originally selected for the State of Florida, but it was discovered to lie in the States of Alabama and Georgia.

### SCHOOL LANDS.

By examination of the land department we find that Congress by act March 3, 1846, granted to the State of Florida every sixteenth section in each township, and where there was a deficiency in the sixteenth section Congress granted indemnity for the same.

It is approximated that there was on hand January 1, 1897, of school lands 355,775.13 acres, and of school indemnity lands approved in 1897 199.97 acres, making a total of 355,975.10 acres. Out of this quantity there was sold in 1897 9,934.24 acres; there was sold in 1898 4,147.66 acres, making a total of 14,081.90 acres, leaving a balance on hand January 1, 1899, of 341,893.21 acres. There was sold of the school lands in the year 1897 8,976.69 acres, for which there was received \$6,365.06; and there was sold in 1898 3,386.22 acres, for which there was received the sum of \$2,664.43.

There was sold of school lands under the provisions of Sections 449 to 453, Revised Statutes (under the instalment plan), for 1897, 957.55 acres. These sales amounted to \$1,199.47, for which there was paid cash \$503.98; and for 1898 there were sold 761.44 acres, amounting to \$931.78, for which there was paid in cash \$307.96.

There were sold under the provisions of Sections 449 to 453, Revised Statutes (instalment plan), prior to January 1, 1897, upon which payments were made during the year 1897 of \$603.14; and in 1898 payments of cash were made of \$665.54.

### SCHOOL INDEMNITY LAND.

On February 14, 1893, the State Board of Education appointed Mr. B. F. Hampton, of Gainesville, Fla., agent to select school indemnity lands, due the State under act of Congress of February 26, 1859; and afterwards the Board entered into contract with Mr. James M. Graham, of Alachua County, Florida, to sell him all lands approved to the State.

under selection of B. F. Hampton at the rate of \$1.25 per acre. The Board has not been put to any expense in making these selections and has not paid any commissions for the work.

### SEMINARY LANDS.

By act of Congress of 1823 and 1827, and by a subsequent act of 1845, there was granted to the State of Florida four township of lands of the gross quantity of 92,160.00 acres for the support of two institutions of learning—one in East Florida, and one in West Florida. This land by act of the Legislature of the State of Florida was put into the control of the Board of Education; said Board of Education embraces the Governor of the State, the Secretary of State, the Treasurer of the State, the Attorney-General of the State and the State Superintendent of Public Instruction. They were authorized to select this land from any lands belonging to the United States, and after selection, and the numbers reported to the General Land Office at Washington, D. C., said lands were approved to the State as Seminary Lands. The Legislature proceeded to carry out the provisions of these several acts of Congress, and established a Seminary of learning in East Florida, in the town of Osceola, Marion County, in the year 1851, and subsequently in the year 1868, by act of the Legislature, was transferred to Gainesville, Alachua County, and one in West Florida, established in the city of Tallahassee, in 1851. These Seminary lands have been and are sold at appraised prices, the proceeds of which are invested in State bonds, the interest of which is divided equally between the two Seminaries.

There was on hand of the Seminary lands in 1897, 30,755.94 acres. There was sold in 1897, 217.32 acres, and in 1898, 120.28 acres, making a total sale of 337.60 acres, leaving a balance on hand January 1, 1899, 30,418.34 acres. In 1897 there were sold 117.24 acres for \$122.30, and under the acts of the Revised Statutes, Sections 449 and 453 (instalment plan) for 1897 and 1898, 40.08 acres, amount of sale, \$50.10, and for which there was received \$33.40.

### VACANT UNITED STATES LAND IN FLORIDA.

After considerable correspondence by the Commissioner of Agriculture with the Commissioner of the General Land Office at Washington, D. C., the Commissioner of the United States Land Office has prepared and furnished a statement

of the lands to the office of the Commissioner of Agriculture of the total number of acres of vacant land by counties which are subject to homestead entry in the State of Florida.

The total number of acres are, 1,592,793.

From a history of the land grants from the United States to the several States, and patented, it is ascertained that the United States government granted to some of the States two sections out of each township, the sixteenth and thirty-sixth, which is twice the amount of school lands granted to the State of Florida, and these lands should be granted to the State, and your committee recommend that the Legislature adopt a memorial to Congress asking that these lands be patented to the State for school purposes, and that our Senators and Representatives in Congress be requested to introduce a bill or memorial, or that the Governor of the State bring this matter to the Representatives of the State in Washington, D. C., for that purpose.

For the information of the public, it is desirable that the Commissioner should have a transcript of the lands made, of homestead and cash entries of the United States lands made during the month, and as it will be of great advantage to all persons making inquiry at the office, it is respectfully requested, and the committee request that the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund authorize the Commissioner to employ such clerical aid as he may deem necessary, that any person can ascertain the true status of United States lands in the State.

Your committee have examined the correspondence of the office and find it to be extensive. The books of the office are in good order and neatly and correctly kept.

We find that under Chapter 4011, Laws of Florida, (lands sold for taxes) and sold from January to May, 1897, received the sum of \$3,300, for which he holds the Treasurer's receipt, by acts of the Legislature the tax lands were taken from the Commissioner of Agriculture and transferred to the State Treasurer. Your committee have examined the books and checked up the lands sold in the Commissioner's office, and find that he holds the Treasurer's receipt for all lands so sold, and that all the vouchers, stubs and deeds tally perfectly.

#### CONVICT SYSTEM.

Your committee beg to report that they have made examination of the convict system of the Commissioner of

Agriculture, and find that the books of the office are thoroughly kept; that a complete history of every convict is shown from the time of entering the penitentiary to his or her release.

The present contract was entered into with the Board of Commissioners of State Institutions and Messrs. A. H. West, R. J. Knight, S. L. Varnadoe and W. N. Camp to take all of the State convicts on hand, and those convicts from the first day of January, 1899, to the first day of January, 1902, inclusive, four years, for the sum of \$21,000.00 per year, and each contractor giving bond and security for the faithful performance of his contract, and agreeing to pay annually the sum of five thousand two hundred and fifty dollars, payable on the first day of January and July of each year.

The Legislature enacted a law authorizing the Governor to appoint a State convict agent to visit the several convict camps, make an examination and report thereon to the Governor. The Governor appointed as State Convict Agent Col. Walter Rolly Moore, of Welborn, Suwannee County, Florida. Col. Moore died in October, 1898, and for lack of sufficient appropriation to enable the agent to pay his traveling expenses and receive a reasonable compensation, the Governor discontinued the agency.

By virtue of Section 11, Chapter 4324, Laws of Florida, approved April 20, 1895, the number of convicts on the first day of November and the first day of May are certified to the Comptroller, of the number of convicts from each county, and prorate the amount paid into the State treasury for the preceding six months for the hire of convicts, and the Comptroller shall draw his warrant on the Treasurer in favor of the County Treasurer of each county, for the proper amount going to said county in accordance with number of each convict from such county, which fund shall go into the fine and forfeiture fund of the county.

The last year of the contracts of the Board of Commissioners of State Institutions with Gen. E. B. Baily expired on the 31st day of December, 1893. There were on hand at that time 482 convicts, and on this number the new contract was made, from January 1, 1894, to January 1, 1898, inclusive.

Convict contract 1894-1898, \$21,000.00.

For the year 1894 there were 530 convicts, equal the rate of \$39.62 140-530 per year.

For the year 1895 there were 617 convicts, equal the rate of \$34.03 340-617 per year.

For the year 1896 there were 688 convicts, equal the rate of \$30.53 126-688 per year.

For the year 1897 there were 656 convicts, equal the rate of \$32.01 144-656 per year.

It appears from these figures that though the number of convicts has increased, there has been no increase in the sum paid for the convicts. The committee believe there should be an increase in the sum for which they are let, and your committee suggest that convicts are worth not less than \$50,000.00 per annum, (this would be about \$71.00 per head each year and six dollars per month) the profits accruing from their labor being very large. And your committee recommend that the Board of State Institutions devise some means to get the real value of the convicts by making an early advertisement, giving sufficient time to reject all bids and prevent combinations of individuals or firms from depriving the State of their just value.

For the year 1898 there were 692 convicts, which would equal the rate of \$30.34 474-692 per year.

As the work connected with the convict system absorbs a large proportion of the money of the department of the Commissioners of Agriculture, which cannot be spared without crippling the work, it is suggested by your committee that it is only fair and right that the fund arising from the lease of convicts should bear its proportion of expense, and we therefore recommend that the Commissioner be allowed to use such amount of said fund, and that \$400.00 of this fund be set aside for this purpose by the Board of State Institutions.

#### CONVICTS.

To amount received per contract for contract—

For the year 1897... .. \$21,000.00

For the year 1898... .. 21,000.00

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\$42,000.00

1897.

Amount paid for chaplain... ..\$ 300.00

Amount paid to discharged convicts... 1,494.85

Amount paid State agent... .. 500.00

Amount distributed to counties... .. 9,476.38

Incidentals... .. 61.64

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Total... ..\$16,451.97

## Incidental—1897.

Expense visiting camps .....	\$ 27.70
Express charges .....	2.90
Expense visiting camp .....	17.71
Telegram .....	3.50
Advertising .....	9.83
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	\$ 61.64

## 1898.

Amount paid for chaplain .....	\$ 150.00
Amount paid discharged convicts...	2,595.00
Amount paid State agent .....	470.83
Amount distributed to counties.....	10,416.18
Incidentals .....	198.95
Reformatory .....	2,620.95
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Total .....	\$16,451.91— 28,284.78
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	\$13,715.22

## Incidental—1898.

Visiting convict camps .....	\$ 31.80
Telegram .....	1.25
Advertising .....	3.49
Postage .....	46.26
Expense visiting Reformatory.....	19.20
Advertising .....	5.00
Visiting convict camp .....	84.70
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	\$ 198.95

## Under Chapter 4565, Act of 1897.

Section 5, there were appropriated  
for the purchase of grounds for

Reformatory .....	\$ 1,500.00
For erecting buildings .....	10,000.00
Furnishing buildings .....	1,000.00— 12,500.00
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Bal. on hand in Treasurer's office.. \$ 1,215.22

Your committee finds that the State is yet due from Gen. E. B. Bailey about six thousand dollars for the contract made with the Board of State Institutions for the contracts of 1894 and 1898.

## STATE CHEMIST AND BUREAU OF FERTILIZERS.

Your committee has examined the office of the State Chemist, which is under the direction of the Commissioner of Agriculture, and beg leave to report as follows:

This office was created in 1889 and the laws establishing it were modeled along the same lines as those which had been successfully established in other agricultural States of the Union. The necessity for the creation of this department was the fraudulent character of so many worthless fertilizers, with which Florida was flooded. Since its establishment the grade of fertilizers sold through the State has constantly improved, and for the past two years the Commissioner of Agriculture has had made free of cost to any citizen of Florida, any sample of fertilizer which had been taken from packages under proper conditions, and has further enlarged the usefulness of the department by having made analysis of soils, etc., etc.

We find that the State Chemist has published the analysis of one hundred and seventy-nine samples of fertilizer from official samples taken by himself, or his assistant, all over the State. These are published in the "Monthly Bulletin," issued from the office of the Commissioner of Agriculture, and distributed free to agriculturists all over the State; and has made fifty-two analysis of official and special samples since the date of publication of the last "Monthly Bulletin;" and has made ninety-six analysis of special samples of commercial fertilizers, cotton-seed meal, ashes, and fertilizing material for persons throughout the State, and has published valuable information arising from the analysis of cotton-seed meals, muck, ashes, hard-wood ashes, etc., etc. All this has been free to every citizen of Florida, and no fee has been charged in any case.

We find that the receipts from this source were:

For the year 1897.....	\$ 6,971.56
And for the year 1898.....	6,336.78

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Total for the two years.....\$13,308.34

And that the expenses were as follows:

For the salary of State Chemist for 1897.....	\$ 2,000.00
For Assistant Chemist for 1897.....	1,200.00
For chemicals and apparatus for 1897.....	400.00
Salary for State Chemist, 1898.....	2,000.00

For Assistant Chemist, for 1898.....	1,200.00
For chemicals and apparatus, 1898.....	400.00

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\$7,200.00

Leaving a balance or surplus over and above expenses to the credit of the fertilizer fund of....\$6,108.34

We find that the State has been very thoroughly canvassed by the State Chemist, or the Assistant Chemist, and that all work of this kind, which was done by the State Chemist, was at his own personal expense.

We have examined the warrants and vouchers for this department on file in the office, and in the custody of the State Comptroller, and find them correct and properly approved.

Total inspection of fertilizer for 1897:

Tons commercial fertilizer .....	23,513.20
Tons cotton-seed meal .....	4,373.00

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Total . . . . .	27,886.20
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Total inspection of fertilizer for 1898:

Tons commercial fertilizer .....	22,078.66
Tons cotton-seed meal .....	3,268.50

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25,347.16

Total tons commercial fertilizer for 1897-98.....	45,591.86
Total cotton-seed meal for 1897-98.....	7,641.50

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Total commercial and cotton-seed .....	53,233.36
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In addition to the regular appropriation, your committee respectfully recommend an appropriation of one hundred dollars for stationery, postage stamps, and for published matter, chemicals and books.

## AGRICULTURE.

Your committee has examined the system of collecting the agricultural and other statistics, and find the method similar in many respects to the system in use by the United States. We note that some of the counties do not comply with the law in requiring the Assessor to take the statistics. We recommend that the Commissioner of Agriculture use every effort under the law to get reports from all of the assessors. The method of collecting and compiling the statistics appears to

work well, and to improve in accuracy and value each year. We have gone over the tabulated statements and find them correct, and it is an interesting fact to know that with all the talk about hard times there is a continued and gradual increase in prosperity in all lines of industrial and commercial pursuits, as shown by the statistical report.

#### DAIRY.

This industry shows that the dairy business continues to increase, and is promising to be one of the most successful branches of agricultural pursuits. The milk cattle are principally confined to the Jersey breed, which is being gradually incorporated with the native stock. There are small herds of Guernsey also, which are considered by many the equal of the Jersey, and which is probably correct in some localities.

The business is a most profitable one in Leon County, and there is no reason why the same cannot be done in any other section of the State.

#### LIVE STOCK.

There is a growing interest in improving the breed of both milk and beef cattle, and men of large capital it appears have been examining the country for grazing localities. These people have put their money into this business, having convinced themselves that the business will pay. They have purchased large numbers of native heifers and are breeding them to thoroughbred Hereford bulls, thereby attaining a hardiness and adaptability of securing a living from the native grasses, and the accumulation of size, muscle and fat from the Hereford breed.

It has been demonstrated by the introduction of a cross with the native herds that as fine beef cattle can be grown at a less cost to the breeder than can be done in the great grain-growing States of the west and northwest, with all their cheap grain and strong, nutritious grasses.

There are many other specialties mentioned in the Commissioner's report, such as sugar manufacturing, tobacco growing, broom-corn growing and manufacturing that should be encouraged.

The business of this is so extensive in its operation that it is justly looked upon as one of the most important departments of the State government, and certainly of great benefit to all those engaged in industrial and commercial pursuits. Its reports are requested by persons from all civilized coun-

tries, and is the principal medium for the encouragement of emigration.

### IMMIGRATION.

This bureau is operated in connection with the Department of Agriculture, and has done a large amount of work in sending out information to intending settlers or others desiring information about the State. There has been near sixteen thousand letters of inquiry received, and all replied to in the form best suited to the occasion.

We find that the literature used to set forth the resources and advantages of the State, consist of the agricultural and other department reports, county pamphlets, Times-Union and Citizen, Southern and Western Florida holiday editions, The Monthly Bulletin, and various other reports on different subjects. We note that the supply of county pamphlets is growing small in the office, and suggest that it would be a good investment for the several counties to place with the Commissioner of Agriculture from time to time pamphlets on the advantages and resources of each county.

In closing this report your committee feel it their duty and their pleasure to say that they have found the work in this department kept up in correct form and systematically conducted, and that every courtesy and facility has been afforded the committee in the performance of its duties.

T. P. CHAIRES,

Chairman Joint Committee;

C. B. ROGERS,

On the Part of the Senate;

The report was ordered spread upon the Journal.

Mr. Baker moved that the rules be waived and that House Bill No. 222 be taken up out of its order and considered.

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

And,

House Bill No. 222:

To be entitled an act to provide for county adoption and uniformity of text books and for the creation of county text book commissions and to define their qualifications, duties and powers.

Was taken up.

Mr. Baker moved to adjourn.

Which was agreed to.

Thereupon the Senate stood adjourned until 8:30 P. M.

## NIGHT SESSION.

8:30 p. m.

The Senate met pursuant to adjournment.

The President in the chair.

The roll being called the following Senators answered to their names:

Mr. President,	Clark,	McLin,
Messrs.—	Crill,	Myers,
Baker,	Crosby,	Reeves,
Blitch,	Dimick,	Rogers,
Barber,	Gaillard,	Roberts,
Broome,	Hooker,	Williams,
Carson,	McCaskill	Wilson,
Chaires,	McCreary,	

Answering roll-call—22.

A quorum present.

By permission—

Mr. Dimick, Chairman of the Committee on Enrolled Bills, Bills, submitted the following report:

Senate Chamber.  
Tallahassee, Fla., June 1, 1899.

Hon. Frank Adams,

President of the Senate:

Sir—Your Committee on Enrolled Bills, to whom was referred—

An act to provide that common carriers shall designate, and provide with certificates of authority, agents authorized to sell tickets, and prohibit all others from selling tickets or evidences of transportation; to provide for the redemption of the whole or any unused part of a ticket or evidence of transportation, and prohibit the forging or counterfeiting, or aiding in forging or counterfeiting or altering of any genuine ticket or other evidence of transportation, and to provide.

punishment for the violation of any of the sections herein contained.

Beg to report that the same has been correctly enrolled.

Very respectfully,

E. N. DIMICK,

Chairman of Committee.

The act contained in the above report was ordered referred to the Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills.

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Beg to report that the same has been signed by the Speaker and Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives, and is presented to the Senate for the signatures of the President and Secretary thereof.

Very Respectfully,  
E. N. DIMICK,  
Chairman of Committee.

### ENROLLED.

The President announced that he was about to sign—

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The act was therefore duly signed by the President and Secretary of the Senate, and ordered returned to the Chairman of the Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills to convey to the Governor for his approval.

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Sir—Your Committee on Enrolled Bills, to whom was referred—

An act to prevent damages by phosphate works.

Also,

An act to amend Section 2 of Chapter 4558, Laws of Florida, being an act for the protection and preservation of food fishes in the fresh water rivers, creeks, bayous or streams in the State of Florida, and to prevent the hauling or dragging of seines or nets therein.

Also,

An act to amend an act entitled an act to incorporate the Jacksonville and Tampa Bay Improved Railway Company, and grant lands to aid in its construction, approved May 16, 1895.

Also,

An act to prohibit fishing in the fresh water lakes of this State with seines or nets or by any set device, or by shooting or gigging.

Also,

Joint resolution proposing an amendment to Section 12, Article 16, of the Constitution of the State of Florida, relative to the seal and flag of the State.

Also,

An act to make an appropriation in aid of a monument commemorative of the Battle of Olustee, and to provide for a commission to expend said appropriation.

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An act to amend Section 6 of an act entitled an act to regulate the inspection and sale of beef, and to repeal Chapter

3613, Laws of Florida, approved February 16th, 1885; also, Chapter 3897, Laws of Florida, approved May 31st, 1889, the same being Chapter 4048, Laws of Florida, acts of 1891.

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An act to authorize the County Commissioners of the counties of Holmes and Walton to levy taxes for the erection, maintenance and repair of bridges in said counties.

Also,

An act to amend Section Six (6) of an act entitled an act to provide for the recovery of lost timber and lumber, to provide for the appointment of a public custodian of the same, and to prescribe his powers, duties and compensation, approved June 8th, 1891, being Chapter 4044, Revised Statutes, Laws of Florida.

Also,

An act requiring fire insurance companies lawfully doing business in the State of Florida, to transact their business in said State through their agents who are residents of the State, and fixing penalties for violation of this act.

Also,

An act to incorporate the Escambia County Electric Light and Power Company.

Also,

An act to amend Section 1 of Chapter 4390, Acts of 1895, Laws of Florida, in reference to the care of convicts.

Also,

An act to exempt, upon certain conditions, the County of Washington from the enforcement of the provisions of Section 3 of Chapter 4557, Laws of Florida, approved May 29th, 1897, the same being an act for the protection of fishes in the waters of the State of Florida.

Beg to report that the same have been properly enrolled.

Very respectfully,

E. N. DIMICK,

Chairman of Committee.

The acts contained in the above report were ordered referred to the Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills.

By permission—

Mr. Dimick, Chairman of the Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills, submitted the following report:

Senate Chamber.  
Tallahassee, Fla., June 1, 1899

Hon. Frank Adams,

President of the Senate:

Sir—Your Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills, to whom was referred—

An act to prevent damages by phosphate works.

Also,

An act to amend Section 2 of Chapter 4558, Laws of Florida, being an act for the protection and preservation of food fishes in the fresh water rivers, creeks, bayous or streams in the State of Florida, and to prevent the hauling or dragging of seines or nets therein.

Also,

An act to amend an act entitled an act to incorporate the Jacksonville and Tampa Bay Improved Railway Company, and grant lands to aid in its construction, approved May 16, 1895.

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Beg to report that we have examined the same and find them all correctly enrolled.

Very respectfully,

E. N. DIMICK,

Chairman of Committee.

The acts contained in the above report, were ordered referred to the Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills to be conveyed to the House of Representatives for the signatures of the Speaker and Chief Clerk thereof.

By permission—

Mr. Dimick, Chairman of the Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills, submitted the following report:

Senate Chamber.

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Also,

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Beg to report that the same have been presented to the House of Representatives for the signatures of the Speaker and Chief Clerk thereof.

Very respectfully,

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Chairman of Committee.

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Mr. Dimick, Chairman of the Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills, submitted the following report:

Senate Chamber.

Tallahassee, Fla., June 1, 1899

Hon. Frank Adams,

President of the Senate:

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An act to prevent damages by phosphate works.

Also,

An act to amend Section 2 of Chapter 4558, Laws of Florida, being an act for the protection and preservation of food fishes in the fresh water rivers, creeks, bayous or streams in the State of Florida, and to prevent the hauling or dragging of seines or nets therein.

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Also,

An act to exempt, upon certain conditions, the County of Washington from the enforcement of the provisions of Section 3 of Chapter 4557, Laws of Florida, approved May 29th, 1897, the same being an act for the protection of fishes in the waters of the State of Florida.

Beg to report that the same have been duly signed by the Speaker and Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives,

and are presented to the Senate for the signatures of the President and Secretary thereof.

Very respectfully,

E. N. DIMICK,

Chairman of Committee.

### ENROLLED.

The President announced that he was about to sign—

An act to prevent damages by phosphate works.

Also,

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The acts were therefore duly signed by the President and Secretary of the Senate, and ordered returned to the Chairman of the Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills to convey to the Governor for his approval.

By permission—

Mr. Dimick, Chairman of the Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills, submitted the following report:

Senate Chamber.

Tallahassee, Fla., June 1, 1899

Hon. Frank Adams,

President of the Senate:

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An act to exempt, upon certain conditions, the County of Washington from the enforcement of the provisions of Section 3 of Chapter 4557, Laws of Florida, approved May 29th, 1897, the same being an act for the protection of fishes in the waters of the State of Florida.

Beg to report that the same have been presented to the Governor for his approval.

Very respectfully,

E. N. DIMICK,  
Chairman of Committee.

### REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

Mr. Carson, Chairman of the Committee on Finance and Taxation, submitted the following report:

Senate Chamber,  
Tallahassee, Fla., June 1, 1899.

Hon. Frank Adams,

President of the Senate.

Sir—Your Committee on Finance and Taxation, to whom was referred—

House Bill No. 439:

A bill to be entitled an act to provide for the levy of taxes for the years 1899 and 1900.

Recommend its passage.

Also,

House Bill No. 402:

A bill to be entitled an act to create a Finance and Trust Commission for the State of Florida; to prescribe its powers and duties, and to provide for its maintenance and compensation.

We return the same without recommendation.

Very respectfully,

C. A. CARSON,  
Chairman of Committee.

And House Bills Nos. 439 and 402, contained in the above report, were placed on the Calendar of bills on second reading.

Mr. Carson, Acting Chairman of the Committee on Education, submitted the following report:

Senate Chamber,  
Tallahassee, Fla., June 1, 1899.

Hon. Frank Adams,

President of the Senate:

Sir—Your Committee on Education, to whom was referred—

House Bill No. 440:

A bill to be entitled an act to provide for the appointment of a board to prepare questions for the uniform examination of teachers in the public free schools in this State, and to prescribe its duties and to provide for its compensation.

Return the same without recommendation.

Very respectfully,

C. A. CARSON,  
Acting Chairman of Committee.

And House Bill No. 440, contained in the above report, was placed on the Calendar of bills on second reading.

Mr. Crill, Chairman of Committee of Conference on the part of the Senate on Senate Bill No. 78, submitted the following report:

Senate Chamber.  
Tallahassee, Fla., June 7, 1899.

Hon. Frank Adams,

President of the Senate:

Sir—Your Committee of Conference to whom was referred—

House Amendments to Senate Bill No. 78,

Have agreed as follows:

The House amendments to said bill be adopted, and after the word "schools" in line 4, Section 2, the following be inserted:

And the sums appropriated shall be paid by the Treasurer on the warrant of the Comptroller to the teachers of said summer schools upon vouchers approved by the State Superintendent, accompanied with a certificate of the County Superintendent of the county in which such school has been taught, that the service charged for has been rendered, such accounts to be audited by the Comptroller before payment.

Very respectfully,

E. S. CRILL,

J. N. HOOKER,

H. W. FULLER,

Conference Committee of the Senate.

Mr. Crill moved the adoption of the report of the Committee.

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Wilson, Chairman of the Committee on Conference, on House Substitute for Senate Bill No. 4, submitted the following report:

Senate Chamber,  
Tallahassee, Fla., June 1, 1899.

Hon. Frank Adams,

President of the Senate:

Sir—Your Committee of Conference, appointed to confer with a similar committee on the part of the House of Representatives on the points of difference between the two Houses on the House substitute for—

Senate Bill No. 4:

A bill to be entitled an act in relation to appellate proceedings and practice in civil causes.

Beg leave to report that they have been unable to come to an agreement with the committee of the House, and they recommend that the Senate do not recede from its non-concurrence in the said substitute.

Very respectfully,

C. L. WILSON,  
FRED T. MYERS,  
L. J. REEVES,

Conferees on the Part of the Senate.

Mr. Wilson moved the adoption of the report.

Which was agreed to.

A message was received from the House of Representatives.

Mr. Baker gave notice that he would on to-morrow move to reconsider the vote by which House Bill No. 258 failed to pass to-day.

Mr. Carson moved that the House of Representatives be requested to return to the Senate House Bill No. 258.

Which was agreed to.

By permission—

Mr. Hooker introduced:

Senate Bill No. 280:

A bill to be entitled an act to provide for the redemption by the State of Florida, of certain lands belonging to the estate of John F. Dunn, deceased, which have been sold for taxes.

Which was read the first time by its title.

Mr. Hooker moved that the rules be waived and that Senate Bill No. 280 be read a second time by its title only.

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

And Senate Bill No. 280 was read a second time by its title.

Mr. Hooker moved that the rules be further waived and that Senate Bill No. 280 be read a third time and put upon its passage.

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

And Senate Bill No. 280 was read a third time in full.

Upon call of the roll on the passage of the bill,

The vote was:

Yeas—	Chaires,	McCreary,
Mr. President,	Clark,	McLin,
Messrs. Baker,	Crill,	Reeves,
Barber,	Crosby,	Roberts,
Blicht,	Gaillard,	Williams,
Broome,	Hooker,	Wilson—19.
Carson,	McCaskill,	

Nays—None.

So the bill passed, title as stated,

And was certified to the House of Representatives.

Mr. McCreary moved that the rules be waived and messages from the House of Representatives be taken up.

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

The following message from the House of Representatives was read:

House of Representatives.  
Tallahassee, Fla., June 1, 1899.

Hon Frank Adams,

President of the Senate:

Sir—I am directed by the House of Representatives to inform the Senate that the House of Representatives has passed—

Senate Bill No. 278:

A bill to be entitled an act making appropriations for the expenses of the State government for six months of the year 1899, and for year 1900 and for six months of the year 1901.

With the following amendment thereto:

In line 47, Section 1, after the word "dollars," add the words "for purchase of Digests of Supreme Court Reports, by the Justices of said Court, for distribution to other States and Supreme Court libraries, \$250.00."

And respectfully requests the concurrence of the Senate therein.

Very respectfully,

WM. FORSYTH BYNUM,

Chief Clerk of House of Representatives.

Mr. McCreary moved the adoption of the House amendment to Senate Bill No. 278.

Which was agreed to.

And Senate Bill No. 278, as amended by the House of Representatives was referred to the Committee on Enrolled Bills.

The following message from the House of Representatives was read:

House of Representatives,  
Tallahassee, Fla., June 1, 1899.

Hon. Frank Adams,

President of the Senate:

Sir—I am directed by the House of Representatives to inform the Senate that the House of Representatives has passed—

House Bill No. 377:

To be entitled an act for the relief of the members of the First Florida Regiment of Volunteer Infantry.

And respectfully requests the concurrence of the Senate therein.

Very respectfully,

WM. FORSYTH BYNUM,

Chief Clerk of House of Representatives.

And House Bill No. 377, contained in the above message, was read the first time by its title.

Mr. Rogers moved that the rules be waived and that House Bill No. 337 be read a second time by its title.

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

And House Bill No. 337 was read a second time by its title.

Mr. Rogers moved that the rules be further waived and that House Bill No. 337 be read a third time and put upon its passage.

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

And House Bill No. 337 was read a third time in full.

Upon call of the roll on the passage of the bill,

The vote was:

Yeas—	Clark,	McLin,
Mr. President,	Crill,	Myers,
Messrs—	Fuller,	Palmer of 11tn,
Baker,	Gaillard,	Reeves,
Barber,	Hendley,	Roberts,
Blich,	Hooker,	Rogers,
Bynum,	McCaskey,	Williams,
Carson,	McCreary,	Wilson—22.

Nays—None.

So the bill passed, title as stated,

And was certified to the House of Representatives.

The following message from the House of Representatives was read:

House of Representatives,  
Tallahassee, Fla., June 1, 1899.

Hon. Robt. McNamee,

Speaker of the House of Representatives:

Sir—I am directed by the House of Representatives to inform the Senate that the House of Representatives has adopted report of the Committee of Conference on House-amendments to—

Senate Bill No. 78:

A bill to be entitled an act to provide for teachers' Summer Normal schools and to make an appropriation therefor, as follows: That House amendments to said bill be adopted. And after the word "schools" the following be inserted: And the sums appropriated shall be paid by the Treasurer on the warrant of the Comptroller, to the teachers of said summer schools upon vouchers approved by the State Superintendent accompanied with a certificate of the County Superintendent of the county in which such school has been taught that the services charged for have been rendered, such accounts to be audited by the Comptroller before payment.

Very respectfully,

WM. FORSYTH BYNUM,

Chief Clerk of House of Representatives.

And Senate Bill No. 78, contained in the above message, was referred to the Committee on Enrolled Bills, together with the amendments thereto agreed to in the adoption of the report of the Conference Committee thereon.

The following message from the House of Representatives was read:

House of Representatives,  
Tallahassee, Fla., June 1, 1899.

Hon. Frank Adams,

President of the Senate:

Sir—I am directed by the House of Representatives to inform the Senate that the House of Representatives has passed—

Senate Bill No. 225:

A bill to be entitled an act to fix the responsibility of shippers or owners of goods, wares or merchandise represented by bills of lading or other evidence of shipment:

Very respectfully,

WM. FORSYTH BYNUM,  
Chief Clerk of House of Representatives.

And Senate Bill No. 225, contained in the above message, was referred to the Committee on Enrolled Bills.

The following message from the House of Representatives was read:

House of Representatives,  
Tallahassee, Fla., June 1, 1899.

Hon. Frank Adams,

President of the Senate:

Sir—I am directed by the House of Representatives to inform the Senate that the House of Representatives has passed—

Senate Bill No. 275:

A bill to be entitled an act to confer the power upon the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund to contract for the cutting of a canal from the St. Johns to the Indian River, and to grant swamp and overflowed lands for the cutting of said canal.

Also,

Senate Bill No. 222:

A bill to be entitled an act to require the clerk of the Supreme Court to furnish the reports of the decisions of said Court for the use of the United States District Judges of Florida.

Very respectfully,

WM. FORSYTH BYNUM,  
Chief Clerk of House of Representatives.

And Senate Bills Nos. 275 and 222, contained in the above message, were referred to the Committee on Enrolled Bills.

The following message from the House of Representatives was read:

House of Representatives,  
Tallahassee, Fla., June 1, 1899.

Hon. Frank Adams,

President of the Senate:

Sir—I am directed by the House of Representatives to inform the Senate that the House of Representatives has passed—

Senate Bill No. 208:

A bill to be entitled an act for the relief of Lieutenants A. R. Merrill, Lieutenant J. H. Bland, Ensign Cromwell Gibbons, Ensign F. D. Miller, Lieutenant D. W. Shea, Lieutenant C. H. Reid, Quartermaster Robert Handy, and Quartermaster H. B. Walker, members of the Florida Naval Militia, for services rendered during the Spanish war.

Also,

Senate Bill No. 274:

A bill to be entitled an act to amend Chapter 4266, Laws of Florida, approved June 2, 1893, entitled an act to incorporate the South American and International Railroad Company, and to grant certain lands to aid in the construction of the same.

Very respectfully,

WM. FORSYTH BYNUM,

Chief Clerk of House of Representatives.

And Senate Bills Nos. 208 and 174, contained in the above message, were referred to the Committee on Enrolled Bills.

Mr. Crill moved that the rules be waived and House Bill No. 439 be taken up out of its order and considered.

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

And,

House Bill No. 439:

To be entitled an act to amend Sections sixty (60) and sixty-one (61) and to repeal Section fifty-nine (59) of Chapter 4322, Laws of Florida, entitled an act for the assessment and collection of revenue, approved June 1, 1895.

Was taken up.

Mr. Crill moved that the rules be waived and that House Bill No. 439 be read a second time by its title.

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

And House Bill No. 439 was read a second time by its title.  
Mr. Crill moved that the rules be further waived and that House Bill No. 439 be read a third time and put upon its passage.

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

And House Bill No. 439 was read a third time in full.

Upon call of the roll on the passage of the bill

The vote was:

Yeas—	Crill,	Myers,
Messrs—Baker,	Dinnick,	Reeves,
Barber,	Fuller,	Roberts,
Blitch,	Gaillard,	Rogers,
Broome,	Harris,	Williams,
Carson,	McCaskill,	Wilson—21.
Chaires,	McCreary,	
Clark,	McLin,	

Nays—Messrs—

Bynum, Crosby—2.

So the bill passed, title as stated,

And was certified to the House of Representatives.

Mr. Reeves moved that the rules be waived and House Bill No. 439 be taken up and considered out of its order.

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

And,

- House Bill No. 439:

A bill to be entitled an act for the collection of taxes for the years 1899 and 1900.

Was taken up.

Mr. Reeves moved that the rules be waived and that House Bill No. 439 be read a second time by its title.

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

And House Bill No. 439 was read a second time by its title:

Mr. Reeves offered the following amendment to House Bill No. 439:

Immediately after the word "dollar" in line 16, Section 2, insert the following: "Said amount to be paid by the County Board of Public Instruction."

Mr. Reeves moved the adoption of the amendment.

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Reeves moved that the rules be further waived and that House Bill No. 439, as amended, be read a third time and put upon its passage.

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote.

And House Bill No. 439, as amended, was read a third time in full.

Upon call of the roll

Upon the passage of the bill as amended,

The vote was:

Yeas—

Mr. President,	Clark,	McCreary,
Messrs.—	Crill,	McLin,
Baker,	Crosby,	Palmer of 11th,
Barber,	Dimick,	Reeves,
Blitch,	Fuller,	Roberts,
Broome,	Gaillard,	Rogers,
Carson,	Hooker,	Williams,
Chaires,	McCaskill,	Wilson—23.

Nays—None.

So the bill passed, title as stated,

And was certified to the House of Representatives.

#### AT 9 P. M.,

Mr. Broome, rising to a question of personal privilege, said:

Mr. President—On the 4th of April last, by the suffrages of your fellow-Senators, you were unanimously chosen to preside over the deliberations of this body. On that occasion the proud distinction of calling the Senate to order was conferred upon me. Then and there I consigned to your care the gavel, feeling assured that you would wield it creditably, and that you would not abuse the confidence reposed in you by your fellow-senators. Sir, I am more than pleased to publicly announce to-night that you have faithfully kept the trust, with not a blot upon your integrity; not a blemish upon your record.

Would, Mr. President, that I possessed the gift of speech to properly laud the splendor of your presiding qualities—suffice it to say, your rulings have ever been fair and just, as evidenced by the fact that not one has appealed from your decisions.

Your sagacity, as demonstrated by your rapid and perfect despatch of business, must ever commend you to the favorable consideration of your fellow-citizens.

Your urbanity is, unquestionably, a distinguished star in the galaxy of your many attributes, and the Senate of 1899

is to be congratulated upon selecting for its president Hamilton's young and brilliant son, Hon. Frank Adams.

Mr. President, each and every senator acknowledges himself your debtor; well aware are you, Mr. President, that we are much more apt to think more frequently of our debtors than of our creditors, and in that aspect of the question the privilege of being indebted to one so gentle in manner, so spotless in purpose, so lofty in bearing, and so modest in authority as yourself, is indeed a pleasure.

But, Mr. President, notwithstanding this little piece of pleasantry, your fellow-senators have commissioned me to discharge a duty, which I shall ever regard as among the happiest of my life. That duty is to tender to you this "souvenir" as a friendly acknowledgment of their regard for your thorough knowledge of parliamentary law; your richness of head, your purity of character and your personal popularity.

And now, Mr. President, having abused you to the extent of my ability, permit me to commit to your care this testimonial with the wishes of your fellow-senators that your future may be as bright as your past has been prosperous.

Mr. President, in my feeble way, I have discharged the duty imposed upon me by your fellow-senators, but I find myself willingly assuming another. The commission which I am about to execute, though an innovation, is beautiful in its conception, and most pleasing in its realization. The attaches of this State, in recognition of your individual merit and uniform kindness, tender to you this souvenir, the purity of which is so emblematic of your character, with the hope that peace, joy and prosperity may ever attend you in all of your future undertakings.

Mr. Adams said, in reply:

Two moons have appeared above the horizon, waxed and waned, covering a period embracing its duties and its difficulties, its pleasures and its pain, since standing with diffidence upon the threshold of this Senatorial session, with commingled doubts and fears I accepted at your hands this gavel, the emblem of authority, the sceptre of power. That the mistakes made in wielding it may have been many I do not for one moment pretend to deny; but that in the discharge of my duty as your presiding officer I have been guided and directed by the dictates of conscience and an honest conception of parliamentary practice, I hope none may have just cause to

doubt. If I have succeeded even in a remote degree as President of this Senate, such success is justly attributable to the courtesy, capacity and forbearance exercised by those over whose deliberations I have had the honor and pleasure of presiding. For he who speaks to you to-night cherishes the opinion that it has not been in the past, nor will it be in the future, the privilege of any man to preside over the work of a more dignified or capable body of gentlemen than those composing the Florida Senate of 1899. If the work has been facilitated and perceptible progress made, and a record of business, and, perchance, economy, shall be the verdict pronounced by an impartial and yet exacting public, whose servants we are, we shall but behold the finished product, that which the people of Florida had the right to expect and demand at our hands—the approved rules of successful private business applied to public affairs. More than this was not required, nor would, nor should less be tolerated.

To-night, fellow Senators, as I stand amid the last dying hours of this Senatorial session, ready to surrender this sceptre, my heart is bowed in humble acknowledgment of an additional debt of gratitude for this magnificent mark of your continued confidence and esteem. Time cannot, will not, with its future successes, nor its failures, its promotions nor its retrogressions, efface from the tablet of memory the indelible impressions made by your act of kindness to-night. I thank you sincerely, my friends, and no words of mine can more forcibly convey my feelings, even were studied opportunity employed. Not for their intrinsic value are they the most highly appreciated, nor yet for it will they be the longer gladly guarded. But beyond the reach of ambition's sordid grasp, safe from the encroachment of business interests and business affairs, "far from the madding crowd's" ignoble strife, deep, deep down in the very bottom depths of my heart of hearts, will be found forever enshrined the friendships formed and developed, and the confidences exchanged, evidenced in part by these beautiful mementoes so eloquently presented by your pleasing and talented spokesman.

The metes and bounds which so accurately measure and so zealously guard the oscillations of yonder pendulum when in motion shall teach me that my life, in order to succeed here and hereafter, and be worthy of the cause of its creation and develop to its full fruition, must be circumscribed by and permeated with the laws of industry, truth, charity and justice. Yonder hand which fails not to note the passing seconds that

imperceptibly lessen the stock of coming time, shall teach me that in order to measure up to the full stature of developed manhood in all that that word implies, I must with equal regularity of purpose persevere, and loiter not by the way-side. It will teach me as well that, since the seconds make the minutes, and the minutes aggregate the day, so—

“Little acts of kindness, little deeds of love,  
Make this world an Eden like the heavens above.”

Your continued kindness has awakened and suggested lines long since forgotten, and shall stimulate me to renewed endeavor to try to assist in doing something that will make the world better and a part of mankind happier.

“A nameless man among a crowd that thronged the daily  
mart,

Let fall a word of hope and love, unstudied from the heart;  
A whisper on the tumult thrown, a transitory breath;  
It raised a brother from the dust, it saved a soul from death.”

Fellow Senators, soon this gavel shall fall and the session of 1899 will be no more. Chide me not then, good friends, in your hearts for reminding you that it lies within the power of each of us, by a rigid adherence to the rules of right,

“To rear a monument, our own, more durable than brass,  
Yea, kingly pyramids of stone in height it shall surpass;  
Rains shall not fall, nor storms descend to sap its settled base,  
Nor countless ages rolling past, its symmetry deface.”

To the attaches of this body, among whom I am proud to number as true men and as warm friends as were ever treasured by mortal man, and for whom I entertain a sentiment as pure as the waters that gushed from Horeb's rock by Divine command, I desire to offer my testimony as to your efficiency and faithfulness, and to predict for you that you will not be driftwood on the bosom of the river of Time, buffeted by each counter-current or eddy, but will be makers and shapers of currents and conditions in the affairs of men and governments; for this testimonial of your good will, this innovation, this departure from precedent and practice, I tender my heartfelt acknowledgments and reciprocal feelings.

Mr. Hooker said:

Mr. President and Members of the Senate—In the closing hours of this session of the Senate I feel that I should say something. Our labors for the last sixty days have been performed with despatch, with smoothness and effectiveness, which is in striking contrast to the session of 1897. We can attribute this to the excellent manner in which our President has handled all the complicated questions arising; that quick perception, and that rapid discharge of all duties as they came up, with courtesy and impartiality to Senators, has drawn to you, Mr. President, the respect and confidence of each Senator upon this floor. We can congratulate ourselves that we go to our homes with no sting of pride or wound of heart. Wherever we may go and whatever may befall us, the friendships made here and the recollections of this session will ever be green in our memories. The Senators on this side of the chamber will return their commissions back to their constituents as pure and untarnished as on the day they received them.

Mr. Wadsworth said:

Mr. President—With unalloyed pleasure I add my humble tribute to your worth as a citizen, a legislator, and as a presiding officer of the Florida Senate. I believed when I cast my vote for you for president of the Senate that I was doing the right thing. Now I have the supreme satisfaction of knowing that you have shown by your course that you are pre-eminently fitted for the high position to which you were called. You have done that which none of your brilliant predecessors were able to do. To the respect, admiration and esteem which we have ever borne for you, you have added our love, which you have won, and will wear while memory lasts. Just, but not harsh; firm, but kind; prompt and willing in the attention to every duty, and always seeking to aid every one of us, it is no matter of surprise that we are proud of you, as a citizen, a senator, a presiding officer and a friend, and in these closing hours, while all are anxious to return to their homes and families, the joy of release is deeply tinged with sorrow at parting with you. We shall watch your future course with deep solicitude and a heartfelt wish that your every effort shall be crowned with success; and that we shall see you climb, round by round, up the ladder of preferment

until you have reached the summit of your ambition. For your many kindnesses I thank you again and bid you God-speed.

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Mr. Barber said:

Mr. President—I cannot afford to allow the dying hours of this Senate to pass without an expression of my heartfelt thanks to you as the presiding officer of this Senate, for the able and efficient manner in which you have presided over this body in expediting the business of the session. Your rulings have been uniformly fair, equitable and just, which is attested in the fact that during the entire session there has not been an appeal taken to the Senate from any ruling. Judgment, discretion and business methods have kept up with the work of the Senate from day to day, which otherwise might, and doubtless would, have resulted in a congested, unfinished calendar at this hour, and I want to say to each senator upon this floor, that the session of 1899 will always have a warm place in my heart for the many kindnesses and good feeling shown me, and while we may not all so meet again, I want to assure each member of this body of my highest esteem, and trust some opportunity may present itself whereby I may be able to express my appreciation to each of you by act and deed instead of words. As we are now about to depart to our respective homes and daily avocations, I trust that each of us may profit by the unanimous good feeling existing at this session of the Florida Legislature; that it may be good seed sown into fertile soil, which will effectually wipe out factionalism in our beloved State, and that the day is now dawning when an era of the same good feeling shall exist throughout this State.

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Mr. Baker said:

Mr. President—Among all the brilliant and happy assembly here to-night none has a right to feel more elated and happy than myself. It was my pleasing duty to place your name before the caucus for nomination to the high and very honorable position of president of the Senate for the session of 1899. In doing so I stated that your past record in this chamber was an index as to what your future course would be, and I promised for you then that you would in all things and at all times be fair to each individual member; that you have done all that I pledged you to, is evidenced by this

beautiful tribute upon the Secretary's desk—coming as it does from this body as a whole—and by the beautiful remarks made by individual senators.

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Mr. Rogers said:

Mr. President—With a feeling of pardonable pride I wish to add my testimonial to the efficiency, fairness and universal kindness of our presiding officer. Your wise rulings have caused harmony among the entire membership and we leave for our homes feeling that the thirty-two members have formed ties of friendship that will be life-lasting.

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Mr. McCreary said:

Mr. President—I cannot let this opportunity pass to add my testimonial to your fair and impartial rulings as president of the Senate of 1899. It is especially gratifying to me to be able to make this statement, as I earnestly supported you for president of the Senate of 1895 before I even enjoyed the pleasure of a personal acquaintance with you, and because I was one of the first, if not the first, to advocate you for president of this body. Mr. President, you have in every way justified the confidence your friends reposed in your ability and integrity, and I believe that I echo the sentiment of every senator on this floor when I say that I hope to see you called to still higher political stations.

Mr. Fuller said:

Mr. President and Fellow-Senators—As I have listened to the words of testimony, so eloquently and feelingly spoken by my brother senators who have preceded me, in my heart I have said "amen" to each and every utterance, and I desire now to endorse every word that I have heard spoken. I am satisfied there has not been uttered a word of exaggeration or insincerity. There seems to be little else that I might say that has not already been said, yet I wish to add a few words of my own testimony.

First, as to the unprecedented ability and the success of the President of the Senate.

Second, as to the individual worth, ability and work of the members of the Senate.

Third, as to the ability and faithfulness of the attaches.

Fourth, as to my high regard and admiration of the President, members and attaches, individually and collectively.

When I mentioned the unprecedented success and ability of our President I did so advisedly. Never before, in the history of the State, did the Senate dispatch such a volume of important business with so little friction, so few errors, not a single unpleasant occurrence, no necessity for a single night session.

This unprecedented record I believe to be due very largely to the remarkable fitness and ability of the presiding officer. This peculiar fitness was made manifest at the very beginning of the session, and when the standing committees of this body selected by the President began their work, it became apparent that our President in the selection of the Committeemen exercised a keen knowledge of human nature and a wonderful insight into the peculiar abilities of the several members. And to the formation of these various committees and the careful, diligent and thorough work of same, to a large extent do I attribute the remarkable dispatch and success of the business of this body.

Our President, as he presided over us day by day, not only showed his ability to wisely judge human nature, but manifested good judgment and thorough knowledge of all matters pertaining to the business of a legislative body. Always rendering his decisions quickly, fairly and wisely, always kind, courteous, patient and just—quick to correct an error if, perchance, one was made—yet never yielding from a position or a decision known to be right. I have never had the pleasure of serving under a presiding officer more impartial or more consistent than he, and I can assure him that he has merited the admiration, love and esteem of each member of this body.

Now, fellow-senators, just a word to you. For sixty days we have served together. Each day has increased our knowledge of each other and to the same extent strengthened our friendship for each other. I feel that I am to be congratulated on being one of you—a member of the Senate of the Legislature of 1899. I feel that this Senate has made a record to be proud of. Very few mistakes have been made, much good work has been accomplished, each member has labored hard and faithfully, not with an eye single to his own good, but for the good of the State. A feeling of good humor, good will and friendship, has always been manifest and nothing has been said or done to mar the pleasantness of the session

I feel that when I leave here to-morrow I will part with true and tried friends. We will soon be scattered to every part and portion of this State—to thirty-two different districts—and it is a precious thought to me to know that in any section of this great State to which I may chance to wander in the future, there may I find at least one comrade and friend.

To the attaches of this Senate I can say nearly every word that I have said to the senators. You have been faithful, kind, courteous, always ready to oblige any member of the Senate. And to your faithful and accurate work is due, in a large measure, the efficiency and success of this body.

Now, Mr. President, fellow-senators, and the attaches of the Senate, in closing I wish to say I shall regard my association here with you during the Legislature of 1899 as one of the brightest pages in the history of my life. I hope at some time in life to have the pleasure of meeting all of you again, and I cordially and earnestly invite you, one and all, to visit me at my home in Braidentown, Manatee county, whenever and as often as it may be your pleasure to come. And if the fish and game laws enacted by the Legislatures of 1897 and 1899 for the protection of fish and game shall not be repealed, I promise you that when you come to Braidentown you will have fish and game to your heart's content.

Mr. Dimick said:

Senators from every section of our fair State have expressed sentiments highly commendatory of our worthy presiding officer. Every utterance on this subject I heartily endorse, knowing that only deserving words have been spoken. I come from a section far down on the East Coast—a progressive and prosperous portion of Florida. My position in committee work has thrown me into peculiarly close relations with our President most of the time during the session, and I always found him the same—attentive, courteous and obliging.

While on the floor of the Senate, I can say with the utmost frankness and candor, that my observation compels me to say that in all his rulings President Adams has been uniformly prompt, fair and just.

Remarks eulogistic of President Adams, and of the spirit of harmony that existed between members, were delivered by Messrs. Myers, Carson and Palmer of 11th.

The following letters were read:

Tallahassee, Fla., June 2, 1899.

Hon. Frank Adams,

President of the Florida Senate:

Dear Sir—On this the last day of the Legislative session of 1899, I feel that I can not bid you the parting God-speed without also expressing my sincere admiration for the unusual ability, equable fairness, patience, urbanity and indiscriminating impartiality with which you, as presiding officer of the Senate, have discharged all the arduous duties devolved upon you. I shall always look back upon my association with you at the session now closing with unalloyed pleasure, and beg that you will always regard me as

Your sincere friend,

T. P. CHAIRES,

12th Dist. Fla.

Mr. President and Gentlemen of the Senate—It is with deep regret that circumstances force me to curtail my time of labor with you by even the brief period now remaining to us.

Before departing, however, I cannot refrain from leaving behind me some testimony of my appreciation of the relations of the past sixty days, which, though only assuming the form of intangible words, grouped doubtless in halting sentences, you must, nevertheless, accept as they are written, as coming from my heart and only lamely expressing my high regard for you one and all.

I must, Mr. President, express to you, sir, the very high appreciation and sincere thanks for the able, dignified, impartial and courteous manner that has at all times characterized your administration of the high office of President of this body. Whether voting with a triumphant majority, or with a defeated but unconquered minority—and here let me say that I have at all times endeavored to pass on every measure consistently and conscientiously, without the desire actuating the demagogue and trimmer, to simply be on the winning side—I repeat, under all conditions, Mr. President, right belonging to any was disregarded or overridden when you occupied the chair, and that you have treated all fairly and impartially.

To my fellow members of this body it is needless for me to dilate on the events of this session. In the beginning I

mitted my inexperience in the duties devolved upon me, and you will pardon me if I beg forbearance and charity for any shortcomings I may have manifested.

But I will say that the friends I possessed in the beginning are still mine, and that I hope that I am not wrong in believing that the associations of the past weeks have laid the foundation of new and enduring friendships.

Let me, in conclusion, bear witness to the promptness and fidelity with which the several attaches of this body have performed their duties.

Very respectfully,  
J. E. O'BRIEN.

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Mr. Fuller moved that the Secretary be instructed to have the Journal mailed to each Senator for the last three days of the session—ten copies of Thursday's Journal to be sent.

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Blitch moved that the Senate adjourn to 9 o'clock to-morrow.

Which was agreed to.

Thereupon the Senate adjourned until Friday at 9 o'clock A. M.